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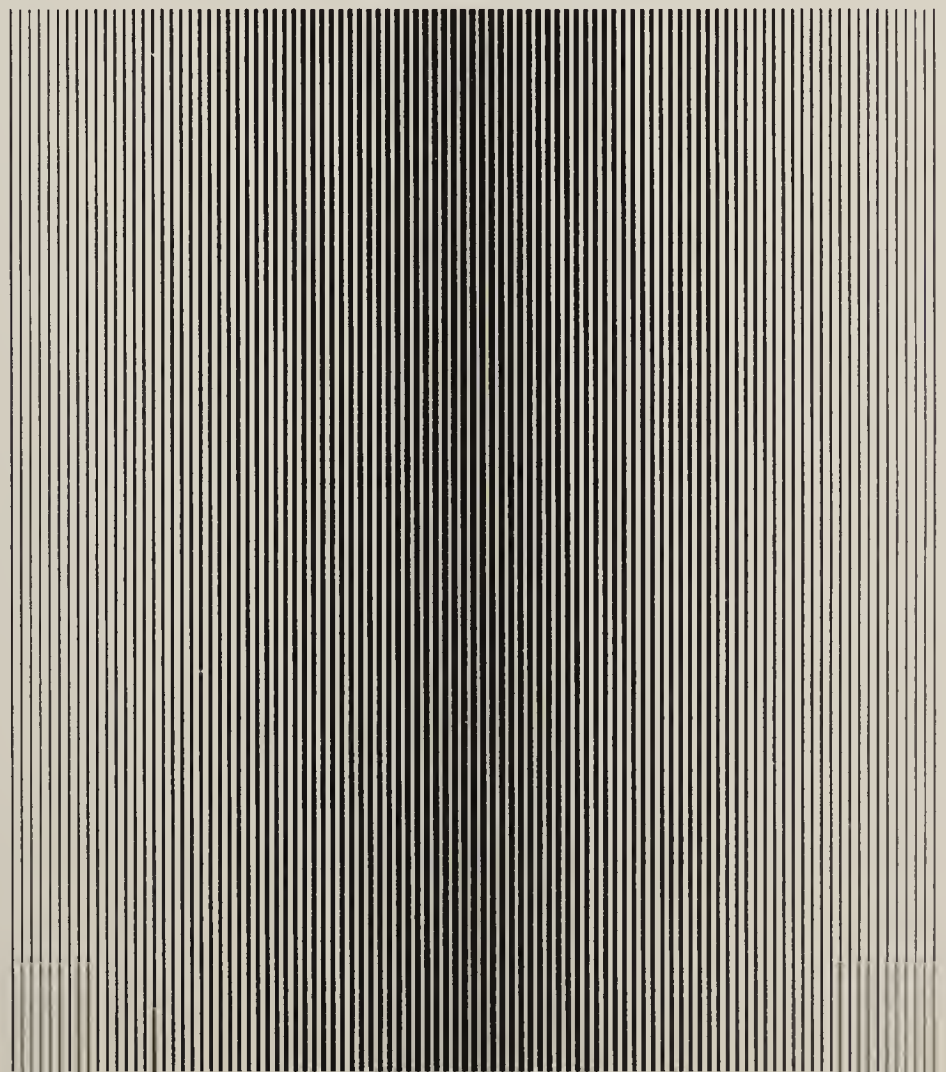
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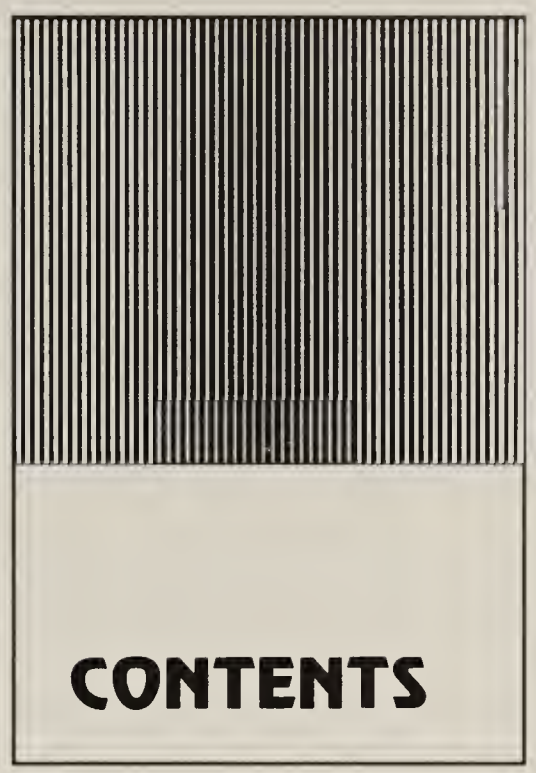
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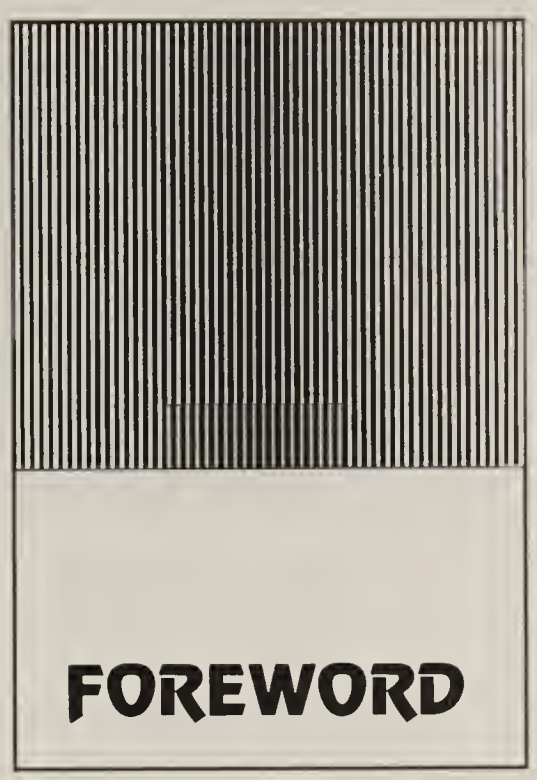
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FOREWORD

The American Foundation for the Blind first published a directory of services 62 years ago in 1926. That first directory listed services in both the United States and Canada and was just a third as long as this 23rd edition. Over the years the title, contents, and format of the directory have changed in order to reflect better the nature of the services available to blind and visually impaired persons and to increase the directory's value as a reference and referral resource. Once again, with this 23rd edition, we have modified the title. It is now the *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States.* The major changes, however, are in format and coverage.

The new format makes it easier to find services by providing access in two ways—through a comprehensive categorical subject index and through full state-by-state listings. Within each state, items are listed by type of service: education, information, rehabilitation, low vision. In addition, coverage in several areas, especially taping and brailling services, low vision, computer training, and national organizations, has been expanded considerably. A new section, "How to Find Services," provides comprehensive information on the kinds of programs available, who is eligible for them, how they are funded, and how to get access to them.

A directory is very labor intensive, as the acknowledgments to AFB staff and others who made contributions show. We also thank the organizations that provided us with the information included here. Without them, there would be no *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States.*

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HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY

The American Foundation for the Blind's *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States* is a compilation of schools, agencies, organizations, and programs in the governmental and private, nonprofit sectors that provide a wide variety of direct and indirect services and information of benefit to blind and visually impaired children and adults, their families, and professionals who work with them. A listing in the *Directory,* which is based on information supplied by the listee, does not imply endorsement or evaluation by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB).

For evaluative information about an organization, consult local and state medical societies; health and welfare councils; Better Business Bureaus; the National Information Bureau; university, school, medical, and rehabilitation accrediting bodies; or the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC). A list of agencies and schools accredited by NAC at the time the *Directory* went to press appear at the end of this section. When none of the above sources can supply the information needed, contact the AFB regional center for your area (see the AFB listing in the National Organizations section in this book).

SECTIONS OF THE DIRECTORY

This *Directory* has the following main sections:

1. "How to Find Services."
2. A comprehensive subject index that divides all entries into subject categories and lists them alphabetically within categories.
3. Geographical listings arranged state by state and including U.S. territories. These listings of services and programs contain cross-references to federal agencies and national organizations and the addresses and telephone numbers of local, state, and regional offices of national organizations.
4. Federal agency listings organized according to department (i.e., U.S. Department of Education, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) and listings of national organizations, consumer and professional membership organizations, and braille, tape, and large print suppliers.

5. An alphabetical organization index containing all entries and separating them by alphabet letter.

STATE LISTINGS

State and U.S. territory listings are divided as follows. Unless otherwise noted, all listings are in alphabetical order.

Educational Services: state services; schools; infant and preschool programs; instructional materials services; university professional preparation programs.

Information Services: radio information services; print, braille, and tape resources; libraries and information centers. Cross-references to national listings appear at the end of Information Services; local, state, and regional offices of national organizations appear alphabetically in state listings for libraries and information centers.

Rehabilitation Services: state services (including cities, addresses, and telephone numbers of local offices); local private rehabilitation agencies; computer training centers; dog guide schools.

Low Vision Services: state ophthalmological and optometric societies; low vision clinics.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in listings:

Est. (established)

Inc. (incorporated)

K (kindergarten)

TDD (telecommunication device for deaf and hearing impaired persons)

Y (yes)

Radio Information Services Technical Information

Key to letters in parentheses following service names
Owned and operated by:
(C) College
(I) Independent corporation
(L) Library
(P) Private agency
(R) Radio station
(S) State agency
(U) University

Transmissions
Main: Reading service uses the main channel of an AM or FM station for broadcasts.

NPR: Host station is member of National Public Radio.
SCA: Reading service uses FM Subsidiary Communications Authorization for broadcasts.

Cable
FM All-band: Reading service is carried as a radio station (frequency specified) on the cable system's FM service.
FM SCA: Reading service is carried as part of the signal of its host station and can be heard only with an SCA receiver attached to the cable.
TV Audio Ch.: Reading service is carried on the audio portion of a cable TV channel (channel specified) and can be heard by anyone turning to that channel.

No directory is ever completely up-to-date or perfect. AFB welcomes suggestions for corrections, deletions, and new listings. Send such information *in writing only* to Publications & Information Services Department, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011.

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Two dates appear for each organization: the year in which accreditation was first achieved and the year through which accreditation has been awarded.

Alabama
Alabama School for the Blind, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (78-87)
Department of Adult Blind and Deaf, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (77-88)

Arizona
Department for the Visually Handicapped, Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind (72-87)
Foundation for Blind Children (78-88)
St. Joseph's Low Vision Services (87-91)
State Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (71-91)
Tucson Association for the Blind (80-90)

Arkansas
Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind (76-91)
Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind (69-89)
Arkansas School for the Blind (69-91)

California
Lions Blind Center (83-88)
Sacramento Society for the Blind (73-88)

District of Columbia
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (70-89)

Florida
Broward Center for the Blind (84-89)
Conklin Center for Multihandicapped Blind (81-91)
Department for the Blind, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (78-88)
Division of Blind Services, Florida Department of Education (74-89)
Florida Association of Workers for the Blind (Miami Lighthouse) (78-88)
Independence for the Blind, Inc. (86-88)

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches (80-90)
Suncoast Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (85-87)
Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind (76-92)
Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida, Inc. (83-88)

Georgia
Center for the Visually Impaired (72-91)
Georgia Academy for the Blind (78-88)
Georgia Industries for the Blind (78-88)
Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc. (84-89)

Hawaii
Services for the Blind Branch (72-87)

Illinois
Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind (71-91)
Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (83-87)
Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (75-90)

Iowa
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (71-91)

Louisiana
Louisiana Association for the Blind (70-88)

Maine
Division of Eye Care (70-87)
Maine Center for the Blind (81-92)

Maryland
Maryland School for the Blind (69-90)

Massachusetts
Perkins School for the Blind (70-89)

Michigan
Greater Detroit Society for the Blind (70-91)
Vision Enrichment Services (79-89)
Visually Impaired Center, Inc. (82-88)

Mississippi
Mississippi School for the Blind (80-88)
Royal Maid Association for the Blind, Inc. (71-92)
Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind (73-88)

Missouri
Kansas City Association for the Blind (71-92)

New Hampshire
New Hampshire Association for the Blind (73-89)

New Jersey
New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (85-87)
Recording for the Blind (72-88)
St. Joseph's School for the Blind (72-88)

New Mexico
New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped (79-89)

New York
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester, Inc. (76-88)
Blind Association of Western New York (73-87)
Blind Work Association, Inc. (71-87)
Catholic Guild for the Blind, Inc. (86-89)
Central Association for the Blind (77-92)
Glens Falls Association for the Blind (84-89)
Guiding Eyes for the Blind (74-88)
Helen Keller Services for the Blind (71-88)
Jewish Guild for the Blind (72-89)
New York Association for the Blind (The Lighthouse) (70-90)
New York Institute for Special Education (formerly New York Institute for the Education of the Blind) (78-88)
Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (75-91)
Rockland County Association for the Visually Impaired, Inc. (84-90)
Syracuse Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc. (71-92)

North Dakota
North Dakota School for the Blind (80-90)

Ohio
Cincinnati Association for the Blind (69-90)
Clovernook Home and School for the Blind (76-90)
Ohio State School for the Blind (69-90)
Toledo Society for the Blind (The Sight Center) (78-88)
Vision Center of Central Ohio (75-89)

Oklahoma
Oklahoma League for the Blind (78-89)
Oklahoma Visual Services (78-88)
Parkview School of Oklahoma School for the Blind (70-90)

Pennsylvania
Delaware County Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind (84-89)
Lancaster County Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind (73-92)
Pittsburgh Blind Association, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind (70-90)
William Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation Center, Pennsylvania College of Optometry (84-89)
York County Blind Center, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind (85-88)

Puerto Rico
Instituto Loaiza Cordero para Niños Ciegos (81-87)

Rhode Island
In-Sight (Rhode Island Association for the Blind) (68-90)

South Dakota
South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped (80-89)

Tennessee
Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind (85-87)
Tennessee School for the Blind (70-90)
Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc. (79-88)

Texas
Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. (70-90)
Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children (70-90)
Lighthouse of Houston (69-91)
Southwest Lighthouse for the Blind (85-87)
Texas School for the Blind (82-92)

Utah
Utah School for the Blind (85-87)

Virginia
Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped (69-89)
Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton (83-88)

Washington
Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. (71-87)
Vision Services—An Agency for the Visually Impaired (84-89)

West Virginia
West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (76-90)

Wisconsin
Industries for the Blind, Inc. (78-88)
Program for the Visually Impaired, Milwaukee Area Technical College (82-87)
Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired (73-88)



HOW TO FIND SERVICES

"Why is it so difficult to find the right services for blind and visually impaired persons?"

A hundred times a week, a thousand times a year, staff at the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) try to answer this question and at the same time guide the questioner through the complex maze of services that constitute the blindness and visual impairment system (or nonsystem, as professionals in the field often jocularly describe it) in the United States. This guide cannot simplify the system itself, a quintessentially American mix of federal, state, and local government programs; community nonprofit agencies; schools and institutions; private national services; and, increasingly, largely because of technology that benefits blind and visually impaired persons, profit-making private enterprise. However, by explaining the services available and who is eligible for them, it does map paths that should eliminate frustrating and unnecessary detours and delays.

This guide is as jargon free as possible. However, it is necessary to use certain professional terms so that potential users of the system are familiar with these terms when they hear or read them for the first time. In each case, the professional term is in parentheses after the everyday English term. Throughout this guide, when we refer to blind people, we are talking about people who are totally blind. For all others, we use the term "visually impaired." There are general references to federal laws throughout the guide. See "A Quick Reference Guide to Major Federal Programs" at the end of this discussion for a list of the major laws that apply to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

BLINDNESS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT CAN BE DEFINED MANY WAYS

According to 1986 data from the National Center on Health Statistics (NCHS, 1986), more than 8 million Americans report "being blind in one or both eyes or having trouble seeing." NCHS calls these people visually impaired. Of this number, less than 2 million are *severely* visually impaired, that is, "report inability to see to read ordinary newsprint even with glasses." (See Table 1 for the numbers by age of visually impaired and severely visually impaired people in the United States.)

Table 1. Estimates by age of number of visually impaired and severely visually impaired persons in the United States, 1986.

Age in years	*All visual impairments*			*Severe visual impairments*		
	Number of people	*Percentage*	*Rate per 1,000*	*Number of people*	*Percentage*	*Rate per 1,000*[a]
Under 18	770,000	9	12.2	38,100	2	0.6
18-44	2,896,000	35	28.7	136,200	7	1.3
45-64	2,071,000	25	46.3	269,700	14	6.0
65-74	1,177,000	14	69.3	383,000	19	22.0
75 and over	1,438,000	17	136.3	1,153,400	58	92.1
All ages	8,352,000	100	40.0	1,980,400	100	10.0

Note. The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) definition of visually impaired includes people not in long-term care facilities who report being blind in one or both eyes or who report having trouble seeing even with eyeglasses. The NCHS definition of severely visually impaired includes people who report an inability to see to read ordinary newsprint even with eyeglasses.

[a]Rates of severe visual impairment are based on unpublished data from NCHS's 1977 Health Interview Survey; to obtain the number of severely impaired people, these rates were applied to 1987 population estimates provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). (1986). *Current estimates from the National Health Interview Survey: United States, 1986* (pp.85, 97). Hyattsville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Approximately 600,000 Americans (American Foundation for the Blind, 1988) are registered as legally blind, that is, as having visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correction, or a restriction in the visual field of less than 20 degrees (Koestler, 1976). Although an oversimplification, one way of translating this definition is to say that a visually impaired person sees at 20 feet what a person with normal sight can see at 200 feet. It is estimated that only 20 percent of those classified as legally blind have no useful vision (i.e., light perception or less) and only 10 percent are totally blind. Professionals in the field estimate that the number of legally blind persons is three times the number who are registered as such.

This definition of legal blindness, developed by the American Medical Association in 1934 as a basis for determining eligibility for government programs such as social security, is not the only one. As Table 2 shows, there are numerous definitions. Functional definitions that measure a person's ability to use efficiently the vision he or she has are becoming much more common. Although the lack of uniform definitions of blindness and severe visual impairment adds another level of complexity to the maze, it also means that many needed services are now available to visually impaired people who fall outside the so-called legal blindness range. Definitions of visual impairment that apply to specific programs are described in the appropriate sections of this guide.

"How to Find Services" is divided into several easy-to-find sections. First are sections on programs and products that all blind and visually impaired persons from birth through old age can use. Discussion of these general programs is followed by sections on services to children from birth through 21, working-age adults, and older persons. Finally, there are several sections on unique subpopulations, such as veterans, and on how to find more specialized services. The guide ends with a section on what to do when all attempts to get services fail, which describes advocacy programs that can help. In the "Selected Reading" listing that follows this guide, all books mentioned appear, along with many others.

Table 2. Definitions of visual impairments.

Legal		*Educational*		
		Visually Handicapped		
Blind	*Partially Seeing*	*Blind*	*Low Vision*	*Limited Vision*
Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correction or restriction in the visual field of less than 20 degrees (Koestler, 1976, p.45)	Visual acuity better than 20/200 but less than 20/70 in the better eye with correction (Hathaway, 1943, p.13)	Learns through tactile or auditory materials (Caton, 1981, p. 219)	Severely visually impaired after correction but can increase visual functions (Corn, 1980, p. 3)	Use of limited vision under average circumstances (Barraga, 1983, p. 23

Office of Rehabilitation Services			*World Health Organization (Colenbrander, 1977)*			
Visually Impaired RSA Code[a]			*Low Vision*		*Blind*	
100-109	*110-119*	*120-124*	*Severe*	*Profound*	*Near Blind*	*Blind*
Blindness, both eyes, no light perception	Blindness, both eyes (with correction not more than 20/200 in better eye or limitation of field less than 20 degrees	Blindness, one eye, other eye defective (better eye with correction less than 20/60, but better than 20/200 or corresponding loss in visual field	Performs visual tasks at a reduced level	Difficulty with gross visual tasks	Vision unreliable	Totally without sight

Note. Sources cited within this table appear in the "Selected Reading" listing.

[a]RSA=Rehabilitation Services Administration. Figures given are actual figures used in the administration's code.

SOURCE: Scholl, G.T. (1986). What does it mean to be blind? Definitions, terminology, and prevalence. In G.T. Scholl (Ed.). *Foundations of education for blind and visually handicapped children and youth: Theory and practice* (p. 28). New York: American Foundation for the Blind.

TALKING BOOKS AND OTHER WAYS TO GET INFORMATION

Without doubt, the question most asked is, "How can I (my husband, child, friend, student, client, patient, employee, nursing home) get talking books?" Recreational books on cassette and in braille are provided free of charge through regional and subregional libraries of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress. Eligibility for this program encompasses all age groups—even preschoolers—and a broad range of visual and physical limitations that make reading standard printed materials difficult or impossible:

1. Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
2. Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of standard printed material.
3. Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations.
4. Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner.

Enrolling in the National Library Service is easy. All it takes is calling the regional library for your state (or part of your state in California, Illinois, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania) and requesting an application form. Once the application is returned, a talking book machine—a special cassette player that plays four-track cassette tapes—will be on its way, along with catalogs listing talking books and periodicals available on loan and, often, other information about specialized reading materials.

Today, there are numerous commercial sources of large print and audio reading materials as well. Many public libraries have collections of large print versions of the latest best sellers. If your local public or state regional library does not have such collections, you might want to suggest they be started. For more information on large print books, consult the *Complete Directory of Large Print Books and Serials* (formerly *Large Type Books in Print*), which is issued every couple of years by the R.R. Bowker Company. Increasingly, best sellers and other popular trade, managerial and professional, and how-to books are being released in commercial audio-cassette editions within a short time of their publication in print. Most large bookstores and public libraries as well as some regional ones carry a selection of these titles. Many blind and visually impaired persons feel there are drawbacks to some commercial audio editions of books. Often, these editions are heavily abridged and have musical accompaniment and other sound effects. For more information, see R.R. Bowker's *On Cassette*. The best way to keep completely up-to-date on commercial large print and audio cassettes is through magazines such as *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*, which are issued regularly and can be found in any library.

Radio Information Services

Local radio information services across the country are another good source of timely information. These services focus on keeping listeners up to date on news and community activities as well as on matters of particular interest to blind and visually impaired persons. Most broadcast parts or entire issues of local newspapers every day and make efforts to keep listeners informed of noteworthy events

such as store sales. Some radio information services broadcast on open channels, and anyone can tune in. Others are on closed channels for which special receivers are needed. In some cities, hospitals are beginning to use radio information services to keep orthopedically as well as visually impaired patients informed. The Information Services section in this *Directory*'s individual state listings shows the location of these services. If you live in an area where two or more states meet, look also in listings for bordering states. In addition, contact your local cable television company to find out whether there is a similar service on a cable channel in your area.

Descriptive Video Service (DVS) is another promising information access tool for blind and visually impaired persons. Using a separate channel, DVS narrates the visual aspects—costumes and lighting, body language and movement—of television dramatic shows. A relatively inexpensive adapter for conventional television sets or for televisions or video cassette recorders with stereo capability is needed. For more information on DVS, contact WGBH-TV, 125 Western Avenue, Boston, MA 02134, or the Washington Ear (see Radio Reading listings for Maryland).

Braille

Although braille is the first word that comes to the minds of the general public when they think about blindness, in reality a small percentage of blind and visually impaired persons are fluent braille readers. There are several reasons for this. First, many visually impaired persons who would have been braille readers as recently as two decades ago now use their vision to read large print or even regular print with the help of low vision optical devices. Second, as Table 1 indicates, a preponderance of the blind and visually impaired population lose vision in later life and often find it difficult to learn braille (though many of them do). Third, because braille is cumbersome and often expensive to produce, university students and professionals who must have access to large amounts of information within a short time learn to depend on tape.

Nevertheless, reading braille is a critical skill, especially for those born totally blind (*congenitally* blind) and those who become blind during childhood or the working years (*adventitiously* blind). And advances in computer technology are beginning to make braille accessible in a much more timely fashion (see "Computers and Other High Tech Devices" in this guide). Older persons are encouraged to learn enough braille to be able to make notes for themselves and such items as labels for clothes and food. Along with the National Library Service in the Federal Agencies section, there are a number of other publishers of braille materials, and they are listed in the Braille, Tape, and Large Print section of this book. A variety of local sources appear in the Educational Services and Information Services sections of the state listings. (Also see the Subject Index.)

Because timeliness is usually critical, most blind and visually impaired university students and professionals rely on tapes and personal readers. Recording for the Blind, a national organization with chapters across the country (see National Organizations and individual state listings), meets the needs of these populations. To qualify, the person must have a print handicap resulting from a visual, physical, or learning disability. Check the Educational Services and Information Services listings in your state and nearby ones for local braille and taping services. For educational reading materials for children, see the section on services for children in this guide.

LOW VISION SERVICES: MORE THAN A MAGNIFYING GLASS

The second most frequently asked question probably is, "I (my mother, neighbor, friend, son, patient) don't need services, just a magnifying glass to make it easier to read; where can I get a good one?" Approximately 80 percent of legally blind people have some usable vision and could benefit from low vision services. In addition, the large population with visual acuity from the legal blindness floor of 20/200 up to 20/50 can benefit from them. Eligibility requirements of low vision clinics vary considerably. Some serve only specific geographical areas and/or those who are legally blind. Unfortunately, good low vision care is much more than providing a magnifying glass. Fortunately, good, multidisciplinary low vision services are becoming more common across the country, and the number of ophthalmologists, optometrists, and blindness and visual impairment professionals qualified to provide services is growing as well.

Low vision services operate in a variety of settings. Some are in hospitals, others in departments of ophthalmology at medical schools, still others in colleges of optometry, and many are integral parts of agencies and schools for blind and visually impaired persons. The low vision services listed in this *Directory* are nonprofit clinics. If none exist in your area, your state or local agency for the blind or state ophthalmological or optometric society may be able to refer you to a qualified low vision private practitioner in your area. If circumstances permit it, going to a good low vision service in another area may well be worth the trip.

Low vision services have three primary components:

1. A low vision examination, which covers history and medical diagnosis; determination of visual acuity at near, intermediate, and far distances; refractive errors; visual fields; color vision; illumination needs; ocular mobility and binocularity; and magnification needs.
2. Prescription of optical, nonoptical, and electronic low vision aids, such as absorptive lenses or filters; near, intermediate, and/or distance devices; and even computers and closed circuit television readers, and training and follow-up in their use by clinic personnel.
3. Comprehensive rehabilitation services (on premises or by referral) in orientation & mobility, rehabilitation teaching, psychosocial counseling, and vocational training.

Policies for third-party payment for low vision services vary considerably according to age, vocational status, educational placement, and even military status. For help on funding, talk to a social worker or other staff person in a low vision clinic, a teacher of visually handicapped children in the local school system, or a professional at the local agency. Private funding assistance is sometimes available through local service clubs or the clinic itself.

COMPUTERS AND OTHER HIGH TECH DEVICES

The third most asked question has to do with finding the right device. Increasingly, such questions are about computers. Equal access computers and other high technology devices promise blind and visually impaired persons one of the most exciting advances of the century. Because this technology is so new, few full-fledged computer training programs exist as yet that meet the unique needs of blind and visually impaired persons. However, several—all of which take students from across the country—are listed here (see Subject Index for names and

pages). There are also a number of people who provide specialized computer training to blind and visually impaired persons on a free-lance basis. Public libraries in some large cities also train disabled persons in the use of many sophisticated reading devices. State and local agencies, instructional materials centers, and manufacturers and distributors of hardware and software can often provide names of qualified free-lance trainers. In addition, just because the listing for your state or local agency does not indicate a computer training program does not mean it does not have one. Undoubtedly, many programs have started or expanded their services since the survey for this *Directory* was completed.

There are also a variety of national resources for information on computers. Perhaps the most direct way to find out more about high technology devices and training is to contact AFB's National Technology Center (NTC). Along with a comprehensive database of manufacturers and vendors, devices, training programs, and trainers, NTC also has two networks that can put you in touch with users of specific devices and persons who use particular equipment on the job. Other national organizations to contact are the Veterans Administration (see Federal Agencies), Closing the Gap (P.O. Box 68, Henderson, MN 56044), the Electronic Industries Foundation (1901 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006), and RESNA-Association for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology (1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036).

Several books on computers are listed in the "Selected Reading" section at the end of this guide. In addition, many of the professional and consumer periodicals in the blindness and visual impairment field cover technology on a regular basis, and professional and consumer meetings and conferences invariably include technology workshops and exhibits by manufacturers and distributors.

Without doubt, funding is a major barrier to the wider use of computers by blind and visually impaired persons. (See the "Selected Reading" section for a book that provides in-depth information on this topic.) Many employers will fund all or part of the cost of adapted equipment. In addition, keep in touch with your regional library and state and local agency. New funding sources, such as interest-free, long-term loans, are being established with greater frequency, and libraries and agencies may know about them.

For information on computer access for blind and visually impaired youngsters, contact your state's instructional materials center or the NTC. Computers are already being used to produce textbooks in braille and large print.

WATCHES, CLOCKS, AND OTHER EVERYDAY DEVICES

There are a number of sources, both nonprofit and for-profit, of everyday devices and appliances that make the lives of blind and visually impaired people more livable. Braille and large print watches and clocks, cards and games, everyday household and work items, and specialized devices for specific groups such as diabetics are examples of these appliances. In addition, there are specialized sources of low vision devices and science products. State and local agencies and schools as well as national consumer and professional membership organizations can supply information on the sources of such items. In many cases they also sell them or will order for you. In addition, AFB sells a wide variety of devices through a mail-order catalog. To request a copy of the AFB catalog, *Products for People with Vision Problems,* call the AFB Hotline at 1-800-AFBLIND (232-5463); New York residents call (212) 620-2147.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Finally, in regard to programs available for people of all ages, the Social Security Administration has several programs that provide financial and other benefits for workers who become disabled and sometimes for dependents as well. Because policies and programs change, contact your Social Security district office or a state or local agency for more information.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, BIRTH TO 21

Most Americans seem to cling to the myth that all blind children go to residential schools. In fact, as early as the turn of this century, children who were blind or visually impaired began to attend local schools, albeit in separate classes, and today about 90 percent of these youngsters receive all or part of their education in local schools. Nevertheless, residential schools are still very much alive, performing vital functions such as training and educating some academically oriented as well as multiply handicapped and deaf-blind youngsters, serving as resource and instructional materials centers for the state, and providing outreach such as statewide diagnostic and educational services for rural areas.

Federal law mandates a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for all handicapped children, which includes special education and related services that meet their needs. Currently, every state has a cooperative agreement with the federal government on this mandate and therefore must comply with it. The federal law defines eligibility for services as having "a visual impairment which, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance." Eligibility includes "both partially seeing and blind children." Translated into visual acuities, this means that in many states children with acuities from about 20/70 through total blindness are eligible for special services. Most children designated as blind or visually impaired in local schools are in regular classrooms with the services of an itinerant teacher (one who travels from school to school to see pupils) who provides special training, for example, in braille, listening skills, and activities of daily living, or in a self-contained class or resource room staffed by a specialized teacher. Some students spend part of the day in one setting and part in the other.

Other specialized services to which a visually handicapped child is entitled include orientation & mobility training and adapted physical education (if needed). The first step to getting educational services for a blind or visually impaired child is to contact the local superintendent of schools and the special education unit of the state department of education, which is listed first in every state in this *Directory*. When calling the state department of education, ask if there is a state vision consultant. If there is not, ask to speak to a staff member in the special education unit whose responsibilities include visual impairment. These staff people should be able to identify local or regional educational services.

Higher Education

There are no universities just for blind and visually impaired people. Instead, blind and visually impaired students attend regular colleges and universities with the assistance of personal readers, cassette texts, and specialized technology. Some colleges and universities have on-campus support offices for students with disabilities. (See the "Selected Readings" section for a directory of such schools.) Tuition reimbursement and funding for personal readers, educational materials, and sometimes training in daily living skills are often available for full-time

students from the state agency for the blind. In addition, many organizations provide scholarships earmarked for blind and visually impaired students. Write or call AFB's M.C. Migel Memorial Library for a list of such scholarships.

Because transition from school to work or from high school to university is such a critical and often difficult step for blind and visually impaired youngsters, specialized transition services are now a federal priority although *not* mandated. When a youngster reaches age 14 or 16, he or she may be entitled to receive services from the state commission for the blind or vocational rehabilitation agency as well as from the school system.

Educational Materials

A federally funded system administered by the American Printing House for the Blind (see Braille, Tape, and Large Print section) provides braille, cassette, and large print texts and other educational materials such as tactile maps to all blind and visually impaired children enrolled in school who are certified as needing them by state authority. Recording for the Blind also provides tapes to students who are in the fifth grade or higher. In many states, instructional materials centers and local tape and braille services also provide texts and other materials. (See also the section above on talking books and other reading materials.)

Preschool Children

A federal law passed in 1987 mandates that by 1990 services for 3-to-5-year-old children with visual impairments and other disabling and at-risk conditions be available in all localities. The law recommends that services be available for children from birth to 3. See the Educational Services section in each state for infant and preschool programs already in place, and consult the state education department, parents organizations, or AFB for more information (some services under this law will come from health and welfare departments). If there is not now such a program in your locality, your call may help to get one started.

Children Who Are Multiply Handicapped or Deaf-Blind

Identifying and getting services for children with multiple disabilities are particularly complex because there is no "multiple disabilities system." Today, many multiply handicapped children are educated in regular or special classrooms in local schools. Others go to regional service centers or residential schools. In either case, if a visual impairment is one of the disabilities, the child should receive, at minimum, a consultation and preferably services from a teacher who specializes in visual impairment. The first step toward receiving services is the same as for obtaining educational services: contacting the state education department. For more information about multiple disabilities, see the national sections in this *Directory* for organizations that are concerned with a broad range of disabilities. Some residential schools also have special summer programs. (A few states do not have residential schools. If it is determined that a residential school is the most appropriate placement for a child in one of these states, the state will sometimes finance the child's attendance at a school in a nearby state.)

The procedure for getting services for a deaf-blind (or hearing impaired-visually impaired or dual sensory impaired) child are the same as indicated above: contact the state department of education. Many residential schools for blind children have comprehensive programs designed to meet the unique needs of youngsters with both a hearing and vision loss.

Parents' Groups

For parents of blind and visually impaired children, there are a number of support groups that function on the local, state, and national levels. Joining a parents' group is an excellent way to have an influence on the quality and quantity of services a child receives. Such groups also keep parents up-to-date on developments in the field and provide emotional support. (See the listings for Consumer and Professional Membership Organizations for the names and addresses of these groups.)

WORKING-AGE ADULTS

A tale we too often hear is about the newly blind or visually impaired person who sat at home for a year or two, not knowing about or resistant to getting rehabilitation services—a job given up when it did not have to be, a family irrevocably changed, a life unled. The first step for finding services for adults is to contact a local private agency or the state commission for the blind or vocational rehabilitation agency. (Since the state administrator of federal vocational rehabilitation programs varies from state to state, we've made it simple in this *Directory*. The first listing in the Rehabilitation Services section is the right one.) Actual delivery of rehabilitation services is different from state to state. In some, the state agency provides all the services, either in the community or at a residential rehabilitation center. In others, the state agency refers the client to a local private agency for all or part of the actual services. Often, clients who live in cities where there are private agencies start with the local service, whose staff then works with the state to get the programs needed. Sometimes, an out-of-state comprehensive residential rehabilitation center is an option.

Rehabilitation and Vocational Training

The primary objective of federal-state vocational rehabilitation programs is to provide clients with the personal and job-related skills needed to gain employment (in some states, by the way, being a homemaker is considered employment under the regulations). Since the goal of rehabilitation is independence, the services focus on helping clients develop the skills they need at home, on the job, and in the community. These include psychosocial adjustment, orientation & mobility (the use of the other senses and a long cane and/or low vision aids and visual efficiency to travel), rehabilitation teaching (communications methods such as braille, typing, and listening skills; personal and home management; daily living skills), vocational assessment, training, and job placement.

In addition to helping blind and visually impaired persons get or keep jobs in professional, technical, and managerial areas of their own choosing, state agencies and some private ones as well provide a number of alternative employment programs. The vending stand program enables interested blind and visually impaired persons to run their own small businesses. Many agencies provide training in a variety of office skills. Work activity centers, sheltered workshops, and a relatively new concept called supported employment (which includes a variety of options in regular business) offer employment opportunities for many multiply handicapped individuals (competitive employment for multiply handicapped individuals should not be ruled out though). Persons who do not qualify for services under the federal-state vocational rehabilitation funding regulations may still be able to receive services on a free or low-cost, fee-for-service basis from many agencies and to participate as well in agency programs that are funded privately—for example, recreation services.

Deaf-blind adults receive services from local and state agencies. Specialized services are available from the federally funded Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults. (See National Organizations and individual state listings.)

Dog Guides

For persons who prefer to use a dog for travel, there are several schools that provide training across the country. Contact individual schools, since eligibility requirements vary. Some schools accept only totally blind persons within a specific age range; others accept persons with some useful vision and within a broader age range. Although it is sometimes not required, receiving basic orientation & mobility training before getting a dog guide is a good idea. Dog guide users do, by the way, have legal rights. Contact a dog guide school for more information on rights, or see "Selected Reading" at the end of this guide. Also see the Subject Index for location of dog guide schools (most have no geographical eligibility requirements). Persons interested in becoming dog guide trainers should contact individual schools as well.

OLDER PERSONS

Table 1 makes it clear that most severely visually impaired people are older. Despite the numbers, services to meet the unique needs of this population lag behind those for children and working-age adults. Although the origins of services for blind and visually impaired people in federal and state-funded education and vocational rehabilitation programs is one factor, it is not the only one. Perhaps as important is the tendency of many older persons, often with encouragement from family and friends, to react to vision loss as something about which nothing can be done. Many agencies for blind persons report that the first question from an older client who calls is, "I'm losing my vision. Can you give me the name of a nursing home that takes blind people?" Sadly, otherwise healthy 70 year olds react this way as often as frail 90 year olds do. (In fact, a number of organizations are now making efforts to increase employment opportunities for older visually impaired persons.)

A nursing home may be an appropriate choice for an older person with a number of other chronic and disabling conditions, but vision loss alone should not be the deciding factor. Services *are* available from both the aging and blindness systems that enable older visually impaired persons to live at home and maintain their independence.

Since most older persons do not become totally blind, an appointment at a low vision clinic (see "Low Vision Services" above) is often the first step. If the clinic does not offer services such as orientation & mobility and rehabilitation teaching, call a local agency or the state agency for the blind as well. In half the states, federal Title VII Part C of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1978 funds provide community and sometimes home-based independent living skills training for older persons. In addition, many local agencies provide programs for older persons with private funding or on a fee-for-service basis. Many agencies also have recreation and physical fitness programs for visually impaired older persons.

In most communities, the aging system has services that can help older visually impaired persons to maintain their independence. Congregate or home-delivered meals, door-to-door transportation to medical and other appointments, escort services, telephone reassurance, friendly visiting, light housekeeping and chore assistance, and home health care are usually available through local senior

citizen nutrition sites, multipurpose centers, or social service agencies. In addition, many senior centers have peer support and mutual aid groups that help older persons adjust to vision loss and other chronic conditions. To find services from the aging system, contact the state office on aging or your area agency on aging (AAA), which you can find listed in the state and county offices sections of the local telephone directory.

For older visually impaired persons who need more care, adult day care is an option in many communities, one which also provides respite for regular caretakers such as adult children or spouses. For more information, contact the local area agency on aging or see the *Directory of Adult Day Care in America* published by the National Council on Aging (600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20024). If a nursing home or other long-term care facility does become necessary, make sure it is one that provides good eye care for residents and training for its staff in working with blind and visually impaired persons.

VETERANS, CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

The Veterans Administration (VA) provides comprehensive rehabilitation services for all blind and visually impaired veterans through regional rehabilitation centers and clinics (see listings for Alabama, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Puerto Rico, Texas, and Washington State and the VA listing in the Federal Agencies section) and an aging and sensory impairment research center in Georgia.

Although most federal and state-funded programs are restricted to U.S. citizens and permanent tax-paying alien residents, many services from private agencies and low vision clinics are available on a fee-for-service basis. Others, such as dog guide schools, regularly enroll students from all over the world. Talking books and braille produced by the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped can be borrowed by citizens of other countries on an interlibrary loan basis. The borrower requests a book from his or her own national agency, which in turn contacts National Library Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. (see Federal Agencies section). Some residential schools have programs for students from other countries. Contact individual schools for more information. In addition, many people from other countries come to the United States for university-level professional training. Universities often have special scholarship funds for foreign students.

For information on services in Canada, contact the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (1931 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4G 4C8, Canada), which provides services across the country. For more information on services in other countries, contact the World Blind Union (58 Avenue Bosquet, 75007 Paris, France) and the International Council for Education of the Visually Handicapped (4 Taman Jesselton, 10450 Penang, Malaysia, William Brohier, president). Also, the *International Directory of Agencies for the Visually Disabled*, a directory of services from around the world, is available from Research Unit for the Blind (Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex, England).

Blind and visually impaired persons who are living in another country continue to receive social security benefits to which they are entitled. They can also receive talking books and braille books from the National Library Service headquarters. The U.S. Department of Defense provides special education services to military dependents on bases around the world. The U.S. embassy or consulate in individual countries can also be contacted.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONALS

Basically, there are four kinds of professionals who provide specialized services to blind and visually impaired persons: teachers of blind and visually handicapped children, orientation & mobility instructors, rehabilitation teachers, and placement specialists. These professionals all require specialized university training on the undergraduate and/or graduate levels, and as this *Directory* went to press, a serious shortage in all four groups existed. See the Subject Index for universities offering programs in these areas. For more information, contact the universities and the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER), which is listed under Consumer and Professional Membership Organizations, or AFB. One good way to explore a career working with blind and visually impaired persons is to volunteer at a local agency or school. Almost all have volunteer programs.

The blindness system also needs professionals in other areas, such as medical and nonmedical low vision, rehabilitation counseling, social work, psychology, recreation therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, rehabilitation engineering, and computer training. In addition, many blindness services need fund-raising, public relations, and business and management professionals.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Rich opportunities for persons who want satisfying volunteer experiences are available throughout the blindness system. Acting as a personal reader to a blind or visually impaired college student or professional, taping and brailling books for children and adults, and assisting in agency recreation programs are just a few of them. For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact a local or state agency and national groups such as the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Recording for the Blind, the National Braille Association, or AFB.

EQUAL ACCESS TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 mandated that all institutions receiving federal funds provide equal access for handicapped persons. Most universities and schools, museums, transportation systems, and other public facilities are required to comply. Many private institutions, such as hotels, restaurants, and theaters, are also beginning to provide better access. Most professionals and organizations in the blindness system can provide information on what constitutes equal access for blind and visually impaired persons and how to provide it.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If local and state resources cannot provide you with enough of the information that you need, please contact AFB. For general questions and assistance, contact the AFB toll-free information Hotline (1-800-AFBLIND, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday) or the AFB regional center in your area (see the California, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, New York, and Texas listings). For more specialized information, the staff of AFB's M.C. Migel Memorial Library, NTC, and Social Research Department and national consultants in early childhood and multiple handicaps, education, rehabilitation, employment, aging, low vision, orientation & mobility, and recreation are available.

For readers who need timely information about blindness and visual impairment on a regular basis, there are several options. Joining one or more of the

membership organizations listed in this *Directory* is one way. Another way is obtaining a subscription to the *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness,* a monthly professional periodical published by AFB in print, cassette, and braille editions.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS... FINDING AN ADVOCATE

Sometimes, despite the best intentions of all parties, the complexities of getting services create problems that the paths outlined in this guide do not solve. In such cases, there are a number of sources of assistance. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 mandated the discretionary creation of client assistants at the state level who act as ombudspeople or consumer representatives to the service sector. Many states issue booklets that describe the services of client assistants and how to use them.

State protection and advocacy agencies also provide general assistance to disabled persons. In addition, consumer and professional organizations have advocacy programs on the national, state, and local levels and provide information and referral as well. (See National Organizations and Consumer and Professional Membership Organizations listings.) AFB's governmental relations office in Washington, D.C., can also provide information and suggestions. Finally, local government social service offices can often help in the identification of appropriate services.

A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

This listing of major federal programs of interest to blind and visually impaired persons includes the names and addresses of the administering agencies. For further information about these and other programs, contact your professional or consumer organization or AFB's Governmental Relations Department.

Affirmative Action

Section 503, P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, provides for antidiscrimination protection for qualified handicapped individuals by federal contractors.

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C3325, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-9475.

Architectural Accessibility

Section 502, P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, established the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board to ensure compliance with P.L. 90-480, Architectural Barriers Act of 1968; provides technical assistance and establishes architectural accessibility standards. (See entry under Architectural Accessibility in Federal Buildings)

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1111 18th Street, N.W., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20006 (202) 523-7834.

Architectural Accessibility in Federal Buildings

P.L. 90-480, Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, mandates elimination of architectural barriers for all handicapped persons, making access to facilities a legal right.

General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Office of Real Property Development, Room 3306, 18th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20405 (202) 566-0989.
Deputy Director for Equal Opportunity Policy, U.S. Department of Defense (Handicapped Individuals), Room 3A272, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000 (202) 697-8661.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, Room 10140, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410 (202) 426-6030.
Architectural Barriers Compliance Branch, U.S. Postal Service, Room 4130, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 20260-6422 (202) 268-3139.

Blind Vending Facilities Program

P.L. 74-732, Randolph-Sheppard Act, established the vending stand program for the blind; P.L. 83-565, Vocational Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1954, created separate grant programs for research, personnel training, demonstration projects, and facilities and reaffirms preference to blind persons as vending stand operators on federal sites; P.L. 93-516, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974. (See entry under Rehabilitation Services)

Civil Rights

Section 504, P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, prohibits discrimination of handicapped individuals under any program receiving federal financial assistance.

Office of Coordination and Review, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 320 First Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20530 (202) 724-2222. (NOTE: Contact also the Office of Civil Rights of the federal agency providing federal funds and/or your state human rights commission.)

Employment/ Federal Government

Section 501, P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, established the Interagency Committee on Handicapped Employees to implement affirmative action programs.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Interagency Committee on Handicapped Employees, Room 462, 2401 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20507 (202) 634-9071.
Affirmative Recruiting and Employment, Office of Personnel Management, Room 6355, 1900 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 632-1059.
President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Suite 636, 1111 20th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036 (202) 653-5044. (NOTE: If appropriate, also contact your state human rights commission.)

Employment/Workshops

P.L. 75-739, Wagner-O'Day Act, creates the Committee for Purchase of Blind-Made Products; P.L. 92-28, Amendments to Wagner-O'Day Act, extends provisions to workshops serving other handicapped persons.

Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped, 1755 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-3509 (202) 557-1145.
National Industries for the Blind, 524 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07474 (201) 595-9200.

Library Services

P.L. 71-787, Pratt-Smoot Act, provides books for blind adults; P.L. 87-765, establishes in the Library of Congress a repository of musical scores and other educational, vocational, and cultural materials in the field of music for blind persons; P.L. 89-522, extends the availability of books and other materials to other physically handicapped individuals.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542 (202) 287-5100 OR (1-800) 424-9100.

Mailing Privileges

P.L. 91-375, Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, provides for free mailing matter for blind and handicapped persons.

Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Program, U.S. Postal Service, Classification and Rates, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 20260 (202) 268-5195.

Rehabilitation Services

P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, replaces Vocational Rehabilitation Act and introduces special projects in recreation; P.L. 93-516, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, includes Randolph-Sheppard Act Amendments to ensure continuation of Randolph-Sheppard program; P.L. 94-288, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1976, established Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults; P.L. 95-602, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1978, created Title VII, Part C, Independent Living Services for Older Blind Adults; P.L. 98-221, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1984, reauthorizes the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults; P.L. 99-506, Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act.

Division for the Blind, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-1316.

Services for Older Blind Persons

Title VII, Part C, P.L. 95-602, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1978. (See entry under Rehabilitation Services)

Social Security

P.L. 74-271, Social Security Act, created the social security insurance program; P.L. 81-734, Social Security Act Amendments of 1950, enables legally blind persons to exclude some earned income from calculation of social security benefits; P.L. 89-97, Social Security Act Amendments of 1965, provides hospital insurance programs for the aged; P.L. 92-603, Social Security Act Amendments of 1972, provides Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments to aged blind persons; P.L. 96-265, Social Security Act Amendments of 1980, establishes that work-related expenses not be counted in determining earnings for substantial gainful activities; P.L. 100-203, improves social security programs and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235 (301) 965-9230. (NOTE: Contact your local Social Security Administration or U.S. Department of Health and Human Services office.)

Special Education

P.L. 89-313, Federal Assistance to State Operated Schools for the Handicapped, provides financial assistance in construction and operation of elementary and secondary schools; P.L. 91-230, Education of the Handicapped Act, extends programs of assistance for elementary and secondary education; P.L. 92-318, Education Amendments of 1972, prohibits discrimination by schools against certain groups; P.L. 94-142, Education for All Handicapped Children Act, guarantees free appropriate public education with special education, related services, and individualized program for each handicapped child; P.L. 99-457, Intervention in the Education of Handicapped Children Act, extends mandated special education programs.

Office of Special Education Programs, Room 3086, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-1007.

Transportation

P.L. 93-503, National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974, provides for access to public transportation and reduced fares to elderly and handicapped persons.

Urban Massachusetts Transportation Administration, Room 9238, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-4040.
Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 10424, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-9360.

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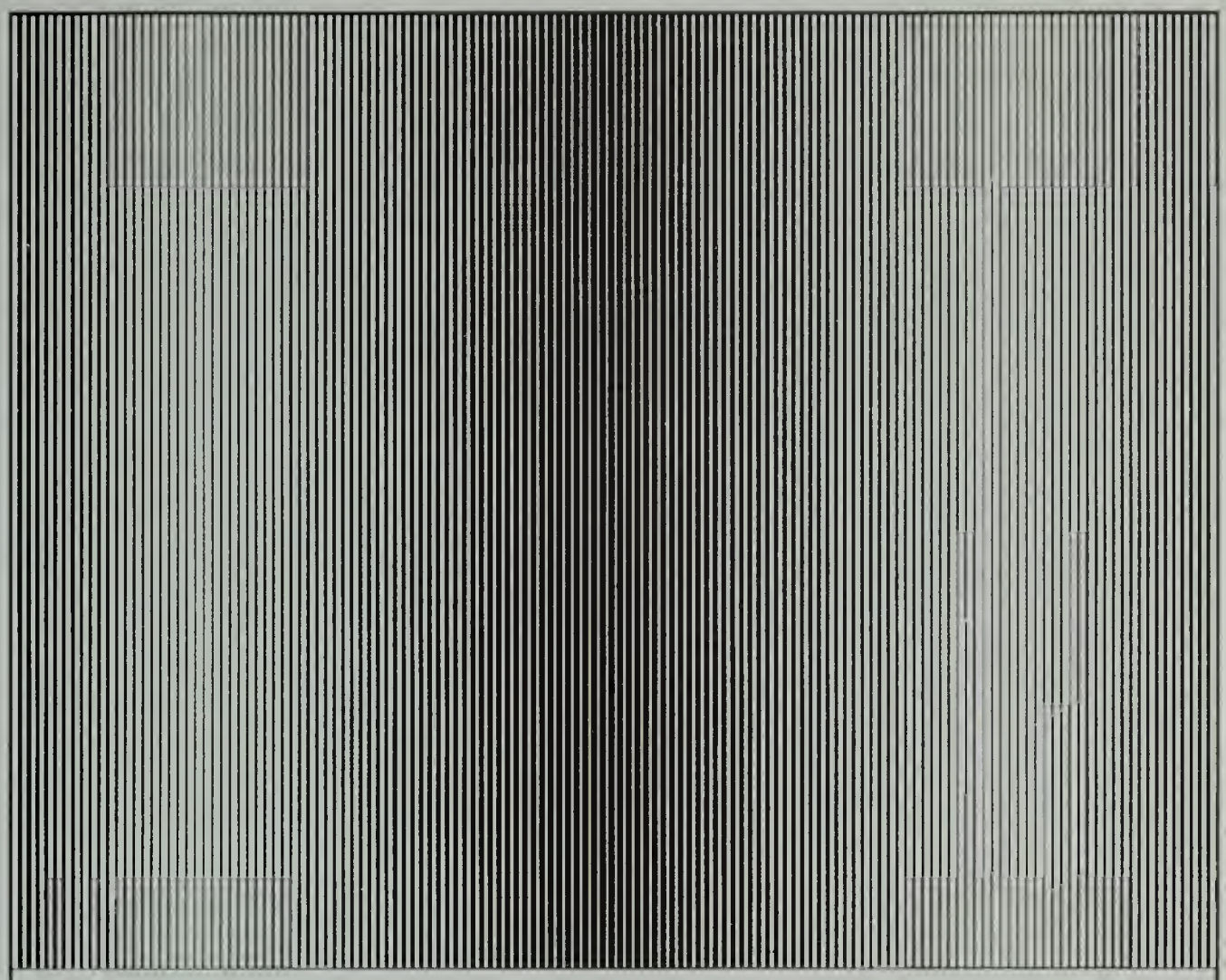
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ALABAMA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Alabama State Department of Education
1020 Monticello Court
Montgomery, AL 36117
(205) 261-5099 OR Toll-free in Alabama (1-800) 392-8020
Dr. Wayne Teague, Superintendent
Frank H. Sconiers, Specialist for the Visually Impaired

Mission: Through the Program for Exceptional Children and Youth, provides consultation on and aid to local schools in the education of the visually handicapped. Provides assistance for in-service teacher training through state workshops or technical assistance to individual programs.

SCHOOLS

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
Helen Keller School of Alabama
P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 362-1500
William G. Apple, Acting Principal
Dr. Jack Hawkins, President

Type of Agency: Public.
Mission: Services for blind, deaf, deaf-blind children.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1858.
Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Contracts for other health services.
Educational: Preschool, elementary through secondary level. Accepts multiply handicapped.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; orientation/mobility; social work; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitories for all children. Also accepts day students.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling. Contracts for residential summer camp.

Alabama School for the Blind
P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 362-1500
Ronald L. Garrett, Principal

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped.
Funded By: State grants.
Staff: 81 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1867.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Programs for play/nursery school; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; orientation/mobility; social work; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitories for all children. Also accepts day students.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling. Contracts for residential summer camp.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Southwest Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind
Route 5, Box 87
Mobile, AL 36609
(205) 633-0241
Mary Lou Casey, Director

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled.
Staff: 16 full time. Uses volunteers.
Number of Clients Served: Students in 1987: 96.
Eligibility: Public school student; resident of Mobile, Baldwin, Clark, Washington or Escambia County.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 5-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school; training. Contracts for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Preschools: 0-5 as referred by state plan. Contact school directly—Mary Lou Casey.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Refers for recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling. Contracts for other employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
6030 Monticello Drive
Montgomery, AL 36130
(205) 277-7330
Fara Zaleski, Regional Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious, handbooks, legal magazines.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Barrett School
7605 Division Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35206
(205) 836-7173
Beatrice W. Leal, Resource Teacher for the Blind

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
525 North Court
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 362-1055
Charles J. DeLong, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Southwest Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind
Route 5, Box 87
Mobile, AL 36609
(205) 633-0241
Mary Lou Casey, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Wiregrass Volunteers for the Blind and Disabled
RR 7, Box 18
Dothan, AL 36301
Carolyn E. Brooks, Coordinator

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, general.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Talladega College
Rehabilitation and Special Education Department
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 362-0206

Undergraduate programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and orientation/mobility specialists.

University of Alabama in Birmingham
Department of Special Education
Building 4, Room 241
Birmingham, AL 35294
(205) 934-3700/3440
Carol R. Arthur-Allison, Visually Handicapped
Dr. Charles Herron, Multihandicapped

Graduate programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Alabama Radio Reading Service Network
1028 Seventh Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35294
(205) 934-2606
Sheila A. Miller-Shugerman, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-12:00 noon; Sun. 12:00 noon-4:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1978 (WBHM-Birmingham).
Area Served: Three-quarters of Alabama.

Receivers Distributed: 1600; Estimated Listenership: 5,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WBHM-FM, Birmingham, 90.3, SCA, NPR. Service relayed to: WLRH (Huntsville) and WTSU (Troy/Montgomery) and WUAL (Tuscaloosa) through the implementation of the Alabama Radio Reading Service Network, using the microwave system of Alabama Public Television Network.

WLRH Public Radio
4701 University Drive N.W.
Huntsville, AL 35899
(205) 895-9574

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-4:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: 50-mile radius from Huntsville.

Receivers Distributed: 100; Estimated Listenership: 100.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WLRH-FM, Huntsville, 89.3, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
6030 Monticello Drive
Montgomery, AL 36130
(205) 277-7330 OR Toll-free in Alabama (1-800) 392-5671
Fara Zaleski, Regional Librarian

History/Date: Est. 1965.
Area Served: Alabama.

Regional library of the Library of Congress providing braille, talking books and machines, tapes, and tape cassette machines.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Birmingham Chapter
119 Hillsdale Road
Birmingham, AL 35213
(205) 871-1027
Helen Bunkin, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Muscle Shoals Volunteer Information Resource Center
P.O. Box 2388
Muscle Shoals, AL 35660
(205) 381-1110
Tom Elliott, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Alabama Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service
2129 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36111-0586
(205) 281-8780
J. W. Cowen, Director
Carl Monroe, Assistant Director, Services to the Blind and Deaf

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State appropriation.
Staff: 63 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1926.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Minimum age 16 years.

Health: Refers for all health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; other multiply handicapped. Programs for college prep; vocational skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term and summer training.
Rehabilitation: Contracts for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Refers for recreation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service. Contracts and refers for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Andalusia: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 807 Eighth Avenue, Andalusia, AL 36420-2199 (205) 222-4114.
Anniston: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 1105 Woodstock Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201-4799 (205) 238-8524.
Auburn: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 1104 Haley Center, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-3501 (205) 826-4475.
Bessemer: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, P.O. Box 308, Bessemer, AL 35021-0308 (205) 426-1294.
Birmingham: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 1608 13th Avenue South, Suite 201, Birmingham, AL 35256-4399 (205) 325-1100.
Decatur: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, P.O. Box 1686, Decatur, AL 35602-1686 (205) 353-2754.
Dothan: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, P.O. Drawer 698, Dothan, AL 36302-0698 (205) 792-0022.
Gasden: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 1100 George Wallace Drive, Gasden, AL 35999-6501 (205) 547-6974.
Huntsville: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 407 Governors Drive, S.W., Huntsville, AL 35804-0405 (205) 539-6621.
Jasper: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, Library Building, P.O. Box 1289, Jasper, AL 35501-1289 (205) 384-6083.
Mobile: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 1870 Pleasant Avenue, Mobile, AL 36603-5995 (205) 479-8611.
Montgomery: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 2127 East South Boulevard, Montgomery, AL 36199-3801 (205) 288-0220.
Muscle Shoals: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, P.O. Box 2388, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-2388 (205) 381-1110.
Opelika: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 510 West Thomason Circle, Opelika, AL 36801-5499 (205) 749-1259.
Selma: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, P.O. Box 1097, Selma, AL 36701-1097 (205) 872-8422.
Talledega: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, #4 Medical Office Park, Talledega, AL 35160-2296 (205) 362-1300.
Tuscaloosa: Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service, 922 Fifth Avenue, East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-2084 (205) 759-4493.

REHABILITATION

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind E. H. Gentry Technical Facility

P.O. Drawer 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 362-1500
Doug Patterson, Vice President of Instruction

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; deaf.
Funded By: State appropriation, fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts.
Budget: $10,500,000.
Staff: 108 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1968.
Eligibility: Must meet requirements of State Vocational Rehabilitation Service and Veterans Administration and be sponsored by State Vocational Rehabilitation Service.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: At least 16 years old.

Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts, refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; counseling:

individual, group, family/parent, couple; placement in training; referral to community services.
Educational: Area secondary students; post-secondary and college preparatory; accepts deaf-blind, deaf and blind. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development; technical training and evaluation.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Has regular in-service training programs open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player. Has braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to sign language; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Dormitories, off-site apartments; elderly and multiply handicapped.
Recreational: Personal management; braille; gesticulation, handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; vending stand training. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment oriented services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center
2125 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36199
(205) 288-0240
E. G. Smitherman, Jr., Administrator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fees and contributions.
Staff: 85 full time/volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1961.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Audiology; occupational, physical and speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; counseling: individual, group. Placement in school and training. Referral to community services.
Educational: Tutor services for grades 1 through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; all other multiply handicapped. General academic programs; college preparatory; high school equivalency.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; rehabilitation counseling; physical, speech and occupational therapy. In-service training programs.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Easter Seals Occupational Rehabilitation Center
1616 Sixth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 939-5800
Phillip N. Johnson, M.A., Administrator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; deaf; mentally ill; alcohol/drug abusers; physically disabled.
Funded By: Community Chest, Vocational Rehabilitation Service.
Staff: 32 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1963.
Eligibility: Physically or mentally disabled.
Age Requirements: Over 16 years.

Health: Occupational therapy. Refers for other medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, couple counseling; training placement; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: K through 12th grade; adult basic education; general academic; vocational/skill development. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; multiply handicapped; physically disabled; alcohol/drug abusers.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Affiliated with University of Alabama; University of Alabama in Birmingham; Auburn University; Talladega College. Regular in-service training programs.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; typing; video magnifier; home management; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up services. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Mobile Association for the Blind
2440 Gordon Smith Drive
Mobile, AL 36617
(205) 473-3585
Mahlon P. McCracken, Executive Director

Funded By: Public funds, United Way, workshop sales, and sub-contracts.
History/Date: Est. 1926 and Inc. 1932.

Rehabilitation: Work adjustment training; activities of daily living; mobility; communication skills.
Employment: Sheltered employment.

Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center/Veterans Administration Medical Center
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 933-8101
Mark Voorhies, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the southeast portion of the nation.

Referral applications by Veterans Administration Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center.

For a description of services offered, see Veterans Administration in Federal Agencies listings.

Workshops, Inc.
4244 Third Avenue, South
Birmingham, AL 35222
(205) 592-9683
J. E Crim, Executive Director

Funded By: Public funds, Community Chest, workshop sales.
History/Date: Est. 1955.
Area Served: Birmingham, Jefferson County, northern Alabama, and Shelby County.

Employment: Evaluation and pre-vocational training; sheltered workshops.

Low Vision Centers

Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology
1722 Pine Street
Montgomery, AL 36194
(205) 263-2518
Joseph M. Scanlan, M.D.

Alabama Optometric Association, Inc.
5795-A Carmichael Parkway
Montgomery, AL 36117
(205) 279-7158
Virginia O. Campbell

Eye Foundation Hospital
1720 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 325-8220
Mary E. Sloan, Low Vision Specialist/Director

Funded By: Client fees, Vocational Rehabilitation Service, and Alabama Sight (Lions Club funds).
Hours of Operation: Tues.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview; varies according to patient.

University of Alabama at Birmingham/School of Optometry/Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinic
1716 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35294
(205) 934-3089 OR 934-3086
Rodney W. Nowakowski, O.D., Director and Chief, Low Vision Clinic
Lynn Marchetti Hazard, Low Vision Rehabilitation Counselor

Funded By: State and federal funds, registration fees and material fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-12 noon, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By appointment within 3 weeks to 6 months.

ALASKA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Alaska Department of Education
Goldbelt Building
P.O. Box F
Juneau, AK 99811
(907) 465-2800
Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner
William Mulnix, Administrator, Office of Special Services (907) 465-2970

Mission: Administers special educational programs through the Division of Education Program Support.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Alaska.

For further information, consult the director of Education Program Support or the administrator of the Office for Exceptional Children. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Special Education Service Agency
2211-B Arca Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508
(907) 279-9675
Roy Anderson, Executive Director
Jane Brodie, Program Supervisor for Blind and Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 3 full time; 3 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Eligibility: Visually impaired. Students must be referred by district Special Education Director.
Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Refers for health services.
Educational: Grades 3-12. Accepts deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; other multiply handicapped. Special blind program. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skills development; parent-infant education. Itinerant staff delivers on-site services statewide to all local districts.
Professional Training: Affiliated with University of Alaska; degree-granting program.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; Optacon; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in student's home and community; sensory training.
Recreational: Residential summer camp.
Employment: Career and skill counseling. Refers for other employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies. Pre-vocational evaluation.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Deaf-blind program: coordinator Fran Maiuri, statewide consultant service for deaf-blind, ages 0-21.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Special Education Service Agency
Infant Learning Program
2211-B Arca Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508
(907) 279-9675
Roy Anderson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 7 full time (includes dually and triply certified teachers).
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, with or without additional handicapping conditions.
Area Served: Alaska.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; parent and teacher training. Services in multihandicapped, noncategorical, and resource classrooms; consultant services to other programs.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Special Education Service Agency
2211-B Arca Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508
(907) 279-9675
Jane Brodie, Program Supervisor for Blind and Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, parent/professional materials.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Alaska State Library
Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
650 West International Airport Road
Anchorage, AK 99518
Pat Meek, Library Assistant

Regional library for the blind and physically handicapped and distributor of talking book machines.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Alaska Volunteer Information Resource Center
P.O. Box 450
Juneau, AK 99802
(907) 586-2493
Norma Jean McCorcle, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Alaska Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
P.O. Box F
Mail Stop 0581
Juneau, AK 99811-0500
(907) 465-2814
Michael C. Morgan, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Alaska.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; vocational training and placement; vending stand training.
Computer Training: Access.

Local Offices:

Anchorage: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 4100 Spenard Road, Anchorage, AK 99503 (907) 243-5600.
Bethel: P.O. Box 1507, Bethel, AK 99559-1507.
Fairbanks: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 675 7th Avenue, Station B, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (907) 452-8191.
Juneau: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Alaska Office Building, Pouch F, MS 0586, Juneau, AK 99811 (907) 586-1245.
Kenai: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Box 3533, Kenai, AK 99611 (907) 283-3133.
Ketchikan: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 415 Main Street, Room 303, Ketchikan, AK 99011 (907) 225-6655.
Kodiak: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 3389, Kodiak, AK 99615.
Tacoma: 1502 Tacoma Avenue South, Suite #4, Tacoma, AK 98402-1815.
Wasilla: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Wasilla DVR, P.O. Box 3010, Wasilla, AK 99687.

REHABILITATION

Louise Rude Center for Blind Adults
3903 Taft Drive
Anchorage, AK 99503
(907) 248-7770
James H. Omvig, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Services to help the adult student become independent and self-sufficient.
Funded By: State and federal rehabilitation funds and other contributions.

Professional Training: Typing.
Residential: Residential training facility for adults.
Rehabilitation: Independent travel; braille reading/writing; home economics.
Computer Training: Training provided on talking computers and calculators.
Low Vision Aids: Screenings provided.

Low Vision Centers

Alaska State Ophthalmological Society
161 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669
(907) 262-4462
Peter E. Cannava, M.D.

Alaska Optometric Association, Inc.
863 Norman Street
Anchorage, AK 99504
(907) 333-9306
John W. Page, II, O.D.

ARIZONA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Special Education
Arizona Department of Education
1535 West Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 255-3183
Diane Petersen, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Special Education
Jo Ann Woodley, Preschool Project Specialist

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides consultation on educational services for visually handicapped students. Administers state funds available for blind children in public schools.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1961.
Area Served: Arizona.

Contact the Director of Special Education for information about programs in local schools.

SCHOOLS

Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind
P.O. Box 5545
1200 West Speedway Boulevard
Tucson, AZ 85703-0545
(602) 628-5357
Noel E. Stephens, Director, Department for the Visually Handicapped
Barry L. Griffing, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; deaf and hard of hearing; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.
Funded By: Federal and state appropriations.
History/Date: Est. 1912.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 89.
Eligibility: Hearing or visually impaired children who can benefit from program.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; speech therapy. Contracts, refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling; placement in school. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Infant and pre-school programs at regional sites; college prep; general academic; vocational skill development; activities of daily living; orientation/mobility; independent living program; parent outreach program: education and training for parents of visually impaired children ages 0-5.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Transcription to braille.
Recreational: Extracurricular activities, i.e.: Bike Club, Art Club, Radio Club, outdoor education program, swimming, chorus. Athletics: Football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track and field, Special Olympics, cerebral palsy sports.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.
Weekend home visits by trained advisers, contact Irene Topor.

Foundation for Blind Children
1201 North 85th Place
Scottsdale, AZ 85257
(602) 947-3744
Chris Tompkins, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; multiply handicapped blind.
Funded By: United Way, government grants and contracts, fees for service, donations, and contributions.
Staff: 40. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Eligibility: Any child with a visual loss; Arizona resident.
Area Served: Arizona.

Health: Contracts for audiology; physical, occupational and speech therapy for young children.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling for young children and school age children, families, groups.
Educational: Grades K through 12 and non-graded. Serves blind and visually handicapped, multiply handicapped blind. Operates cooperative preschool

classes for blind and visually handicapped and multiply handicapped blind. Designated state depository for instructional materials for public and private schools.
Professional Training: Internships/fieldwork in special education/visually impaired. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Equipment available. Materials in braille, large print, supplemental media. Teaching tools and other materials available.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; communications. Conducts summer independent living program; prevocational counseling.
Recreational: Provides summer programs for multi-handicapped blind and deaf-blind preschoolers; summer program for school age children.

Local Offices:

Phoenix: Cooperative Preschool, 6124 North 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014 (602) 279-3313.

Rio Salado Community College
135 North Second Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 256-7722
Myrna Harrison, President

Mission: Services for homebound individuals.
Eligibility: Severely disabled, homebound.

Educational: Interactive classes via telephone on SUNDIAL teleconference system.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind Parent Outreach Program for the Visually Impaired
P.O. Box 5545
Tucson, AZ 85703-0545
(602) 628-5152
Joni Kiser-Dunn, Director, Regional Services Program

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313, private donations, and state funds.
Staff: 31.
History/Date: Est. 1972.
Eligibility: Visually impaired or multiply handicapped.
Area Served: State of Arizona, excluding Phoenix and Tucson.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision and initial ophthalmological examinations. Refers to other services, e.g., Children's Rehabilitative Services, for medical care.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; perceptual/social/emotional development.
Educational: Reading and math readiness.
Preschools: Home teaching; consultant services to other programs.
Residential: Home-based, consultant services to other programs.
Rehabilitation: Visual/conceptual development; auditory/sensory training.

Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind Visually Impaired Preschooler's Center
2417 East Blacklidge Street
Tucson, AZ 85703-0545
(602) 628-5820
Joni Kiser-Dunn, Director, Regional Services Program

Type of Agency: State/day preschool.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313, private donations, and state funds.
Physical Facility: Residential school, housed in off-campus home.
Staff: 2.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Eligibility: Visually impaired or multiply handicapped.
Area Served: Tucson metropolitan area.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Low vision and initial ophthalmological examinations. Refers to other services, e.g., Children's Rehabilitative Services, for medical care.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent education and support groups. Refers to other agencies for social security.
Educational: Reading and math readiness.
Preschools: Classroom for visually impaired and multiply handicapped.
Residential: Home- and center-based; consultant services to other programs.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; visual development; auditory/sensory training.
Publications: Cactus/Parent Newsletter.

Cooperative Preschool for Visually Handicapped
6124 North 12th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85014
(602) 279-3313
Elaine Baldridge, Coordinator

Mission: Services to visually handicapped; multihandicapped.
Staff: 20 (includes administrator, teachers of visually handicapped, severely handicapped, and deaf-blind, and paraprofessionals). Psychologist; attorney; pediatrician available on consultant basis. Orientation/

mobility specialists, rehabilitation teachers, and librarian available to program. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Any child with a visual loss, with or without multihandicapping conditions.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests; other health services available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program with center component for infants; visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and deaf-blind classrooms with home teaching component for infants and toddlers.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Arizona State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1030 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 255-3701
Richard C. Peel, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, informational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind
P.O. Box 5545
Tucson, AZ 85703
(602) 628-5263
Creagh Walker Day, Supervisor of Curriculum

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Books for the Blind of Arizona, Inc.
6120 East Fifth, A-107
Tucson, AZ 85719
Betty G. Evans, Braille Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Foundation for Blind Children
1201 North 85th Place
Scottsdale, AZ 85257
(602) 947-3744
Chris Tompkins, Executive Director

Groups Served: Children and youths from birth through high school.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Fountain Hills Lioness Braille Service
P.O. Box 18332
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
(602) 837-3961
Jean B. Hauck, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious, novels, cookbook.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of Arizona
College of Education
Department of Special Education
Tucson, AZ 85721
(602) 621-3248
Dr. June Downing

Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Sun Sounds of KJZZ (C)
3124 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 231-0500
Dede Pearse, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day.
History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: State of Arizona.

Receivers Distributed: 2,500; Estimated Listenership: 6,500 (including hospitals and care facilities).
Transmission(s) Originates From: KJZZ, Phoenix; KUAT, Tucson; 91.5, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Clear Vision Television Inc., Nogales; TV Audio; Cable Cam of Winslow, Show Low, Pinetop/Lakeside, Snowflake; Rogers Cable into Yuma.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Arizona State Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
4620 North 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602) 255-1850

Distributor of talking book machines.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Arizona State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1030 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 255-3701 OR Toll-free in Arizona (1-800) 255-5578
Richard C. Peel, Director

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1969.
Area Served: Arizona.

Regional library providing disks, braille and cassettes. Distributes talking books and tapes. Tapes locally requested material on cassettes.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

Recording for the Blind
9449 North 99th Avenue
Peoria, AZ 85345
(602) 977-6020

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
3110 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 273-7084

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Special Needs Center/Phoenix Public Library
12 East McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 261-8690
Mary Roatch, Special Needs Center Supervisor

Type of Agency: Municipal.
Mission: Information and library services.
Funded By: City of Phoenix funds for the Phoenix Public Library System.
Staff: 4.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Blind/visually impaired, physically/mentally handicapped, speech/hearing impaired.

Educational: Services for deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, and learning disabled.
Reading: Talking book records/tapes; braille books/magazines; transcriptions; large print books; video print enlarger; VersaBraille, DP10; Apple IIe with synthetic speech.
Rehabilitation: Video magnifier; Kurzweil Reading Machine; Apple IIe (BEX); VersaBraille.
Computer Training: Trains blind clients; performs input for braille production.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Arizona State Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
4620 North 16 Street
Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602) 255-1850 OR Toll-free in Arizona (1-800) 255-1850
Kenneth E. House, State Manager

Type of Agency: State, a division of the Department of Economic Security.
Mission: Services for legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; multiply handicapped blind.
Budget: 1986: $7,876,531.
Staff: 56 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1966.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 15,500.
Eligibility: Functional visual loss, varies with individual program.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Sight conservation program, eye examinations, treatment, and eyeglasses for low income persons. Contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological

testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts and/or refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation; counseling; teaching.
Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players and related equipment and accessories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; handwriting; Optacon, VersaBraille, and other electronic aids; home management; orientation/mobility, including electronic aids; teaching in clients' homes, agency skills center, and community.
Recreational: By referral.
Employment: Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation and training; career counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training and operation. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Flagstaff: C.U. Box 5630, Flagstaff, AZ 86011 (602) 779-4511.
Phoenix: Arizona Industries for the Blind, 3013 West Lincoln Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009 (602) 269-5131.
Tucson: 103 E. Alameda, Suite 414, Tucson, AZ 85701 (602) 628-5309 within Arizona (Toll free: 1-800-824-3093).

REHABILITATION

Arizona Industries for the Blind
3013 West Lincoln Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 269-5131
K. E. House, Manager, State Services for the Blind
Donald H. Peterson, General Manager

Funded By: Workshop sales, state appropriations, subcontracts, Title XX, and State Vocational Rehabilitation.
History/Date: Est. 1952.

Employment: Vocational/pre-vocational evaluation and training; work adjustment/experience; job development/placement; follow-up; industrial workshop; work activities center.
Computer Training: Access.

Center for the Blind, Inc.
3100 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 273-7411
Allen Woody, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Contributions, fund raising, sub-contracts, United Way.
Staff: 12 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1947.
Eligibility: Visually impaired; doctor's statement.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; beep ball; skiing. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Employment: Refers for employment services.

Local Offices:

Peoria: Center for the Blind, 9451 N. 99th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345.

Tucson Association for the Blind
3767 East Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85716
(602) 795-1331
Jon D. Miller, Executive Director

Funded By: Fees charged for services contracted by state of Arizona; resale store; contributions; bequests.
Staff: 16 full time, 2 part time. Extensive use of volunteers.
History/Date: Inc. 1965.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped adults capable of self care, if using activity center.
Transportation: Operates 3 vans for visually handicapped who do not have transportation and for support of agency activities, services and programs.
Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Health: Refers for all health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation;

group and individual counseling; social work. Refers for other counseling services. Information and referral.
Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines and books; recorded magazines. Transcription of braille; braille copying; reader service.
Rehabilitation: Home and personal management in extensive daily living skills program; braille; handwriting; abacus; typing; orientation/mobility. Refers for low vision aids. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Recreational: Adaptive recreation program. Full range of arts and crafts; hobby groups; music; bowling; swimming; beep ball; golf. Refers for residential summer camps.
Employment: Work activity center; work adjustment training. Refers for other employment oriented services.

Private, non-profit independent living center.

Yuma Center for the Visually Impaired
2770 Avenue B
Yuma, AZ 85364
(602) 726-1310
Mr. J. J. Mullin, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind and legally blind.
Funded By: Contracts and Community Chest.
History/Date: Est. 1972.
Eligibility: Client of Arizona Department of Economic Security.
Transportation: Y.

Low Vision Centers

Arizona Ophthalmological Society
1500 North Wilmont Road
Tucson, AZ 85702
(602) 886-2597
Leonard Joffe, M.D., President

Arizona Optometric Association
3625 North 16th Street, Suite 119
Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602) 279-0055
Ms. Jerri Pastor

Institute for the Partially Sighted
1901 East Thomas Road, Suite 102
Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602) 241-7687
Sylvia Anton, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, federal and state funds, and private contributions.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; optometrist; counselor.
Eligibility: Reduced ability to function due to significant vision loss.
Area Served: Arizona.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychologist and social worker available.
Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation counselor available.
Recreational: Available on referral.
Computer Training: Access and training provided.
Low Vision: On-site/in-home training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loaned for trial purpose (no charge); sliding fee scale.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

Johnson Low Vision Service
St. Luke's Hospital
1800 East Van Buren Street
Phoenix, AZ 85006
(602) 251-8538
Ted Rice, M.D., Medical Adviser

Funded By: Client fees; Lions Clubs and Lioness Clubs of Montana, Alberta, Canada.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; psychologist; optometrist.
Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Refundable deposit for trial period; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment, home visit, phone interview, varies according to patient.

Further information: Edward Buggie, Department Head, Pentice Eye Institute, St. Luke's Hospital, Phoenix, AZ (602) 251-8593.

Low Vision Facility of Boswell Eye Institute
10541 West Thunderbird Boulevard
Sun City, AZ 85351
(602) 933-3402
Albert L. Rhoades, M.D.

Funded By: Client fees and community grants.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmologist.
History/Date: Est. 1985.
Eligibility: Referral by ophthalmologist; current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Prescribed; purchased at local optical shops.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; support group.

St. Joseph's Low Vision Services
301 North Wilmot
Tucson, AZ 85711
(602) 721-3862
Dennis Doran, M.B.A., Senior Vice President/ Administrator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-3:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; vision specialist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Southern Arizona, northern Sonora, Mexico.

Low Vision Aids: Sells and lends; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: Margaret Croteau, RN.

ARKANSAS

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Arkansas Department of Education
Special Education
54 Capitol Mall
Education Building, Room 105-C
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 371-2161
Dr. Diane Sydoriak, Associate Director of Special Education

Mission: Acts as a clearinghouse and depository of large print and braille textbooks and adaptive equipment for visually impaired and blind students in Arkansas. Regional vision consultants and orientation/mobility specialists assist local school districts by providing in-service training and monitoring student programs.
Funded By: State and federal funds.

Education Services for the Visually Impaired is the statewide program of the Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education. The project is directly supervised by the Arkansas School for the Blind.

Contact: Bob Brasher, State Coordinator, Educational Services for the Visually Impaired, Arkansas School for the Blind, P.O. Box 668, Little Rock, AR 72203 (501) 371-5710.

SCHOOLS

Arkansas School for the Blind
2600 West Markham
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 371-2109 OR 371-5710 (Educational Services for the Visually Impaired-Preschool Home Intervention Program)
Leonard Ogburn, Superintendent
Bob Brasher, State Coordinator

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped.
Staff: 149 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1859. Home Intervention/Technical Assistance Program est. 1982.
Eligibility: Legally blind, Arkansas resident, educable.
Age Requirements: 5-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; has low vision aids or devices; evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school.
Educational: Grades K through 12 and non-graded. Programs for general academic; vocational skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book machines, open reel and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Residential: Dormitories; on-site apartments for independent living.
Rehabilitation: Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 AM-2:30 PM.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for other recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind
411 Victory Street
P.O. Box 3237
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 371-1501 OR 371-2587
James C. Hudson, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for visually handicapped; multihandicapped.
Funded By: Title XX and state funds.
Budget: 1987: $2.8 million.
Staff: 4 full time, 13 part time (includes orientation/mobility specialist, rehabilitation teachers). Has governing board (parent member).
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: Entire state.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-teaching and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children, 0-5 years, with or without other handicaps.

Contact: Libby Swindle, Leetha Wren, Chris McKenzie, Junious Ivory, Children's Consultants.

Arkansas School for the Blind
2600 West Markham
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 371-2109
Leonard Ogburn, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; transportation; low vision exams; immunizations.
Funded By: State funds, P.L. 94-142 incentive grants, and subgrant from Developmental Disabilities Council.
Staff: 4 full time, 5 part time (includes optometrist; low vision coordinator; orientation/mobility specialist; dietician). Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Eligibility: Visual impairment, with or without other handicapping conditions, 0-5 years old.
Area Served: Pulaski County.

Contact: Gary S. Smith, Elementary Principal.

Mission: Provides home teaching and consultant services in all developmental areas; transportation to therapy appointments; parent and other counseling; low vision exams. Adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, and financial assistance available on referral basis.
Staff: 5 full time (includes 3 preschool teachers of visually handicapped students; occupational therapist); 1 part-time orientation/mobility specialist; 1 contracted optometrist. Social work, psychology, and speech therapy available on consultant basis. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board.

Contact: Bob Brasher, State Coordinator.

Publications: *Arkansas Directory of Services for the Visually Impaired.*

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Arkansas Department of Correction
P.O. Box 407
Wrightsville, AR 72183
(501) 897-5806
Tim Baltz, Warden

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings.

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind
2811 Fair Park Boulevard
Little Rock, AR 72204
(501) 664-7100
Jim Cordell, Executive Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Educational Services for the Visually Impaired
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 371-5710
David Beavers, Director, Instructional Resource Center

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Department of Rehabilitation Personnel Programs
33rd and University
Little Rock, AR 72204

Contact: Patricia Bussen, Rehabilitation Teaching, (501) 569-3169.
Dr. William Jacobson, Orientation and Mobility, (501) 569-3169.
Dr. Dan Head, Visually Handicapped, Teacher Education, (501) 569-3335.

Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped, orientation/mobility specialists, and rehabilitation teachers of the blind.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Arkansas Radio Reading for the Blind, Inc. (I)
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 663-4540
Randy Johnson, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-11:30 PM; Sat.-Sun. 6:00 AM-2:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: 50-mile radius from Little Rock, covering central Arkansas.

Receivers Distributed: 270; Estimated Listenership: 500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KLRE-FM, Little Rock, 90.5, SCA, NC.
Cable: Riverside Cable TV, (Storer), Little Rock, FM Demod.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Arkansas State Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 682-1155
Cleotta Mullen, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Arkansas.

Regional library providing talking books, tapes, cassettes, large print books, braille, talking book machines.

National Society to Prevent Blindness Arkansas Affiliate
1100 North University
Evergreen Building, Suite 230
Little Rock, AR 72207
(501) 666-0242

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind
411 Victory Street
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 371-1501 OR 371-2587
James C. Hudson, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1987: $2.8 million.
Staff: 67 full time, 7 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 2,100.
Eligibility: Legally blind or severely visually impaired.

Health: Low vision services; low vision aids; general medical services; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Provides consultation to other agencies on other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation. Counseling: individual, group, family/parent, couple, and vocational. Provides consultation to other agencies in counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching. In-service training program.
Reading: Provides computer generated braille and tape duplication services to clients, also individualized brailling services to college students.
Residential: Dormitories for trainees.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Full-time program covering wide range of activities; adult continuing education; bowling; swimming.
Employment: Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational training; job development; job retention; job retraining. Provides consultation to other agencies in employment-oriented services. Job placement services for some vocational programs.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Batesville: Division of Services for the Blind, White

River Regional Service Center, Highway 25, North, P.O. Box 3699, Batesville, AR 72503 (501) 793-4153.
El Dorado: Division of Services for the Blind, NBC Plaza, Suite 304, El Dorado, AR 71730 (501) 863-6148.
Fort Smith: Division of Services for the Blind, 616 Garrison Building, Garrison Avenue, P.O. Box 2002, Fort Smith, AR 72901 (501) 782-6981.
Jonesboro: Division of Services for the Blind, 2920 McClellan Drive, Room 1106, Jonesboro, AR 72401 (501) 972-4925.
Pine Bluff: Division of Services for the Blind, 2505 West 18th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71603 (501) 535-1781.
Texarkana: Division of Services for the Blind, 411 Hickory, Texarkana, AR 75502 (501) 774-3871.

REHABILITATION

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind
P.O. Box 4055
2811 Fair Park Boulevard
Little Rock, AR 72204
(501) 664-7100
Jim Cordell, Executive Director

Mission: Services for all legally blind residents of Arkansas.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 56 full time.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Provides, purchases or refers for the following health services: diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; low vision service or clinic; audiology therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling and referral services.
Professional Training: Internships and supervised field placements in rehabilitation counseling, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching and social work.
Rehabilitation: Provides or purchases the following services: personal management; communications skills; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Employment: Provides or purchases the following services: pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational training; job retention and job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind
69th and Murray Streets
P.O. Box 9615
Little Rock, AR 72219
(501) 562-2222
James O. Avants, Executive Vice President

Funded By: Workshop sales and contributions.
Staff: 8 full time.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1940.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Employment: Industrial evaluation; training.

Low Vision Centers

Arkansas Ophthalmological Society
3000 Rogers Avenue
Fort Smith, AR 72901
(501) 782-8892
Kenneth K. Wallace, M.D., President

Arkansas Optometric Association
University Tower Building
Suite 819
Little Rock, AR 72204
(501) 661-7675
Betty Valachovic

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Inc.
P.O. Box 4055
2811 Fair Park Boulevard
Little Rock, AR 72204
(501) 664-7100
Jim Cordell, Executive Director

Funded By: Patient fees.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 8:00-11:00 AM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator, licensed practical nurse; psychiatrist. Others available through referral.
Eligibility: Legally blind; diagnostic referral information and ophthalmic reports.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period without rental fee; on-site training provided.

Further information: Randy Parker.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Department of Ophthalmology
4301 West Markham
Little Rock, AR 72205
(501) 661-5820
Joe E. Smith, M.D., Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology

Funded By: State government; fees.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 1:00 PM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; social worker.

Eligibility: Referrals from ophthalmologist prior to low vision examination.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in one month.

Further information: Dr. Smith.

CALIFORNIA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

California Department of Education
Special Education Division
721 Capitol Mall
P.O. Box 944272
Sacramento, CA 94244
(916) 323-4768
Shirley Thornton, Deputy Superintendent, Specialized Programs
Patrick Campbell, Director of Special Education

Mission: Through consultants, coordinates the establishment and operations of special public school programs for blind and partially sighted pupils.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: Two regionally based consultant specialists in the education of visually impaired children.
Area Served: California.
Age Requirements: 3-21 years.
Consultation available to any professional or lay group operating public school programs for visually impaired children. Coordinates services for preschool blind children and their families, including the multiply handicapped. Has deaf-blind program. Operates clearinghouse depository of braille, large print, and recorded texts.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

SCHOOLS

California School for the Blind
500 Walnut Street
Fremont, CA 94536
(415) 794-3800
Charles B. Boyer, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for blind children, including multiply handicappped, deaf-blind.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 140 full time, 27 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1867 and Inc. 1922.
Eligibility: Local school district unable to provide services.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 5-22 years.

Educational: Non-graded.
Residential: Dormitories for children and youths.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility training.

Central Coast Disability Awareness
750 Bay Avenue, #515
Capitola, CA 95010
(408) 475-2232
Dennis M. Holter, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Community services and disability outreach education.
Funded By: Schools and school districts.
Staff: 14.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Eligibility: Student must be in a recognized school.
Age Requirements: 5-18 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for social evaluation; provides individual and couple counseling.
Educational: K-college; general academic/college prep; continuing education.

Center for Living Independence for Multi-Handicapped Blind (CLIMB)
161 West Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(818) 355-1447
Griffin Cella, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Residential services for multiply handicapped blind adults.
Funded By: Client fees and workshop sales.
Staff: 50. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Eligibility: Blind, multiply handicapped. Referral by state regional center.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Adult.

Health: Refers for diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and prescriptions for eye health.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides social evaluation, psychological evaluation/testing, and individual counseling.
Educational: Grades 12 and up: general academics; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internships in orientation/mobility.
Reading: Talking book records/tapes; braille/large print books; braille/recorded magazines; book selection service; Optacon and other equipment.

Residential: Dormitories for multiply handicapped adults.
Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills; orientation/mobility; sensory training.
Recreational: Continuing education; arts/crafts; hobbies; bowling; swimming; track.
Employment: Vocational training/evaluations; career/skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; placement.
Low Vision: Refers for prescriptions and fittings for aids.

Foundation for the Junior Blind

5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90043
(213) 295-4555
Robert B. Ralls, M.S., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for blind, visually impaired, deaf children 0-21; services for blind and visually impaired adults.
Funded By: Public contributions.
Staff: 120 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1953.
Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: General medical and nursing services; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social and vocational evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services; placement. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Non-graded. Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped, other multiply handicapped. Programs for vocational/skill development, adjustment training, general academic. State-certified non-public school.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement; in-service training programs.
Reading: Information and referral; talking book records; braille books; large print books; braille and recorded magazines.
Residential: Five-day-a-week residential living for children and adults; 3 off-site transitional living homes for multihandicapped blind adults.
Rehabilitation: Activities for daily living; braille; typing; handwriting; remedial education; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory communication aid training; sensory training; low vision training and electronic travel aids; home repair; aids and appliance store; sensory aids center.
Recreational: Evening and weekend programs; special interest events; speakers and activities; trips; bowling; swimming; arts and crafts. Summer residential camp program and day camp services for children and youths. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; sheltered workshop; vocational and on-the-job training placements; occupational skill development; job placement and retention; job re-training; follow-up services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Orientation and training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Home-based infant/family services for children birth to age 5 and center-based preschool for 3 to 5 year olds; special education school and residential living program for multihandicapped blind children 5-21 years old; summer residential camp and day camp for blind, visually impaired children and youths. Year-round recreational programs; adjustment training for adults in five-day-a-week residential living program; community-based group homes for adults; library and sensory aids services.

Santa Barbara City Schools Program for Visually Impaired

350 Loma Alta Drive
McKinley Special Education
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
(805) 966-7768
Jan Ross, Program Chairperson

Mission: Services visually handicapped children, with or without additional handicaps.
Staff: 1 part-time administrator; 5 teachers (2 dual-certified, some early childhood).
Area Served: South Santa Barbara County.
Age Requirements: 0-22 years.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; home teaching, itinerant teaching to other facilities and consultant services to other programs. Variety of support and related services available through other public school and community programs.
Preschools: Home teaching, infant and preschool.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Blind Childrens Center, Inc.

P.O. Box 29159
4120 Marathon Street
Los Angeles, CA 90029-0159
(213) 664-2153 OR Toll-free in California (1-800) 222-3567 OR (1-800) 222-3566 out of state
Judy H. Lloyd, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.
Mission: Services to visually impaired children and their families.
Funded By: Private donations.
Staff: 25 full time; 15 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1938.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, with or without other handicaps.
Age Requirements: Birth to 7 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychiatric counseling; counsels children preschool through 7 years of age and parents.
Educational: Infant stimulation program; Mommy and Me groups; residential program; multihandicapped program; computer-enhanced language program; educational correspondence program.
Preschools: Center-based program.

Braille Institute of America, Inc./Youth Center

3450 Cahuenga Boulevard West
Los Angeles, CA 90068
(213) 851-6122
Russell W. Kirbey, Executive Director
Vicki Liske, Director of Infant/Preschool Services

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: Private donations.
Staff: 7 full time, 12 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Visually impaired, with or without other handicaps.
Area Served: Los Angeles, Orange, and parts of Riverside, San Bernardino counties.
Age Requirements: 0-preschool years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Local Offices:

Anaheim: Braille Institute, Orange County Community Center, 527 Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801-4820 (714) 821-5000, Wanda Marshall, Director.
Palm Springs: Braille Institute, Desert Community Center, 400 S. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262-7697 (619) 320-5771, Ann Livingston, Director.
Santa Barbara: Braille Institute, Santa Barbara Community Center, 2031 De La Vina, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-9990 (805) 682-6222, Joan Tadeo, Director.

California Department of Education/Services for Visually Impaired Birth to Five Years

State Special Schools and Services
601 West Fifth Street, Suite 1014
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 620-2050
Evelyn Carr, Consultant

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State funds. California-Hawaii Elks Major Project provides scholarships for integration in preschool with sighted peers.
Staff: 1 full time; variety of consultants available.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Area Served: Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic and other counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps; consultant services to other programs; referral; coordinates services between various agencies and programs.

Organized network of agencies and programs serving visually impaired infants and preschool children and their families.

Hueneme School District

354 North Third Street
Port Hueneme, CA 93041
(805) 488-3588
Allan Berg, Director of Special Education

Mission: Services to visually handicapped infants, with or without other handicaps.
Staff: 2 full time (administrator, teacher of visually handicapped children). Consultants available in psychology, orientation/mobility, occupational therapy. Uses volunteers.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped infants; home teaching; multihandicapped classrooms; regular preschools. Services delivered in public school facilities, at private agencies, and at centers run by religious organizations.

Infant-Family Program of the Foundation for the Junior Blind

5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90043
(213) 295-4555
Joe Bernstein, Associate Executive Director
Dr. Richard L. Rosenberg, Director of Education

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for visually handicapped infants, with or without other handicaps.
Funded By: Private donations and state funds.
Staff: 1 full-time administrator; 4 part time (includes psychologist); members of other disciplines available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: Los Angeles County area.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Financial assistance. Family support services and direct programming for families and infants in home-based program.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Peninsula Center for the Blind

2435 Faber Place
Palo Alto, CA 94303
(415) 858-0202
Ellen Wright, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations, income from capital funds, United Way.
Staff: 9 full time (includes early childhood teacher of visually handicapped children, dual certified teacher, physical therapist); 5 part time. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Area Served: San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams; genetic counseling; immunizations; blood tests.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance available on referral.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

Variety Club Blind Babies Foundation

50 Oak Street, Suite 102
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 863-5464
Dr. Philip Hatlen, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fund raising, foundation grants, donations and bequests.
Staff: 8 full time, 3 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Eligibility: Substantial visual loss.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, low vision exams, immunizations, and blood tests available on referral.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling for parents, siblings, extended family and others involved with a preschool visually handicapped child. Assistance in understanding the needs of the child. Provides information to family, schools, medical professionals, and others regarding individual children. Refers to other appropriate services.
Educational: Assists parents to understand, and provides instruction in developmental areas affected by visual loss. Some direct teaching provided by staff, but emphasis is on teaching parents to become teachers. Home-based direct services and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped infants, and visually handicapped children with or without other handicaps.

Visually Impaired Infants Program (VIP)

c/o Hope Infant Program
6401 Linda Vista Road
San Diego, CA 92111
(619) 292-3835
Dr. Virginia McDonald, Director
Meryl Berk, Vision Specialist

Mission: Services to visually handicapped infants.
Funded By: P.L. 94-142.
Staff: 6 part time (includes teachers of visually handicapped and severely handicapped children, social worker). Has advisory board (parent members).
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, with or without other handicaps.
Area Served: San Diego County.
Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; home teaching and consultant services to other programs; occupational, speech, and music therapy; bilingual instruction available on consultant basis.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

American Red Cross/Braille Division
2116 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
(415) 845-1430
Jane Hawkinson, Co—chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Miscellaneous.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Beach Cities Braille Guild
P.O. Box 712
Huntington Beach, CA 92701
Dorothy A. Nehring, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Braille Institute of America, Inc.
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111
L. Burkhardt and C. Morrison, Coordinators, Tape and Braille Transcript

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious, application instruction manuals.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Braille Services Guild, Inc.
2140 Westwood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90025
(213) 494-0333
Ethel Schuman, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, music braille.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Braille Transcribers
4848 Cottage Way
Carmichael, CA 95608
(916) 971-7411
Joan Renner, President and Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious, foreign language.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Braille Transcribers Guild of San Diego
1807 Upas Street
San Diego, CA 92103
(619) 298-4219
Alvena Storm, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious, general requests.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Braille Transcribers of Humboldt
P.O. Box 6363
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 442-4048
Grace Harris, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Castro Valley School District
15361 Norton Street
San Leandro, CA 94579
Dorothy Vallerga, Braille Instructor

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Christian Braille Ambassadors, Inc.
239 Laverna Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90041
Luther G. Hadley, Executive Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Golden Gate Braille Transcribers, Inc.
1466 44th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122
(415) 566-1641
Evelyn Davis, President

Groups Served: K-12, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Inland Empire Braille Guild
761 East 20th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92404
(714) 883-0202
Audrey Moseley, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, special requests.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Kings Tape Library for the Blind
202 West Grangeville Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230
(209) 582-4843
Caroline W. Mackey, Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Laguna Hills Transcribers, Inc.
375-B Avenida Castilla
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
Thomas C. Chewning, President

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Landmark Heritage Foundation
2315 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94704
(415) 531-9184
Helen Ayres, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Monterey County Braille Transcribers
P.O. Box DF
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(408) 394-2033
Shirley Doolittle, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop
6637 Oakmont Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
(707) 539-0211
J. Jean McHuron, Co—chairperson

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Teaching aids.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Peninsula Braille Transcribers Guild
340 North Ellsworth Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94401
(415) 344-6725
Mrs. Lee Pence, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Petaluma Braille Transcribers, Inc.
1459 Magnolia Avenue
Petaluma, CA 94592
(707) 664-1430
Phyllis Deaton, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Pomona Valley Transcribers Guild
215 East C Street
Ontario, CA 91764
Della Sanders, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

San Gabriel Valley Braille Guild
P.O. Box 255
Covina, CA 91791
(818) 331-2071
Susannah C. Mathews, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Santa Barbara School District
350 Loma Alta
Santa Barbara, CA 93117
(805) 966-7768
Janice W. Ross, Chairperson for Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed with a charge.

Santa Cruz County Transcription Guild
809 Bay Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010
(408) 476-7140
Mrs. B. F. Bielefeldt, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Sequoia Transcribers
2926 Cornell
Visalia, CA 93277
(209) 734-4429
Donna Coffee, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Hillel
12326 Riverside Drive
North Hollywood, CA 91607
(818) 763-9148
Julie Breitstein, Chairperson

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Sixth District, California State Braille Transcription Project
101 North Bascom
San Jose, CA 95128
(408) 298-4468
Peggy Dodge, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books, tapes on request.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Transcribers of Orange County
237 Kennebel Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90803
(213) 439-6937
Gertrude McDonald, Assignment Chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Transcribing Mariners
Box 606
Kentfield, CA 94914
(415) 457-2988
Robert Scheibach, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Ventura County Braille Transcribers Association
P.O. Box 3353
Ventura, CA 93003
Jan Patton, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Vol Soledad Project for the Visually Handicapped
P.O. Box 690
Soledad, CA 93960
(408) 675-2411

Kenneth Charles Dickens, Operations Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books. ,wg
Title Formats: Supplied in print and braille without a charge; some braille lists with a charge.

Volunteers of Vacaville
P.O. Box 670
Vacaville, CA 95696
(707) 448-6841
Ed Kemper, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Volunteer Transcriber Services
205 East Third Avenue, Suite 207
San Mateo, CA 94401
(415) 344-8664
Betty Brudno, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Walnut Creek Transcribers
514 Freya Way
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(415) 682-4734
Ann Kelt, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Woodside Transcribers Kiwanis Braille
850 Longview Road
Hillsborough, CA 94010
(415) 344-0803
Alexia Draper, Chairperson

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, cookbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

California State University at Los Angeles
Department of Special Education
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032
(213) 224-3743
Robert Eisenberg, Orientation and Mobility
Anne Galloway, Deaf Blind
Dr. Rose Marie Swallow, Visually Handicapped
Dr. Raymond E. Hillis, Rehabilitation Counseling

Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the deaf-blind, orientation and mobility specialists, and rehabilitation counselors of the blind.

Sacramento State University
Department of Special Services, School of Education
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819
(916) 454-6622
Dr. Robert A. Bowers, Visually Handicapped
Dr. Charlotte Cook, Multihandicapped

Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped.

San Francisco State University
Department of Special Education
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132
(415) 469-1080
Dr. Sally Mangold, Visually Impaired
Dr. Philip Hatlen, Orientation and Mobility

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and orientation and mobility and deaf/blind specialists through the disabled student service office. Assistance is available in reader services, research, tutoring, typing and examination taking.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Broadcast Services for Blind, Inc. (I)
1155 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 431-1481
Randy Scott, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-11:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: Nine San Francisco Bay Area major cities, including San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose.

Receivers Distributed: 1,200; Estimated Listenership: 6,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KPFA-FM, Berkeley, 94.1, SCA, CPB.
Cable: Viacom San Francisco FM All-band, 91.3.

KCHO-FM Radio Reading Service (U)
c/o California State University
Communications Department
Chico, CA 95929
(916) 895-5896 OR 895-6896
George Benson, Acting Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.
Area Served: Chico area, plus 75 miles to the north in Redding, 45 miles to the south in Maryville/Yuba City.

Los Angeles Radio Information Service (C)
1570 East Colorado Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91106
(213) 578-7231
John Madden, General Manager
Bill Ell, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: Los Angeles east and central portion; northern Orange County; part of the San Fernando Valley.

Receivers Distributed: 120; Estimated Listenership: 175.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KPCC-FM, Pasadena, 89.3, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Six-Star Cable, Covina, TV Audio; Falcon Cable, Pasadena, TV Audio; Valley Video, Van Nuys, TV Audio.

San Diego Radio Information Service (R)
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-0527
(619) 265-6645
Donna Warren, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM-12:00 midnight; Sun. 11:00 AM-11:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: San Diego County, plus 50-mile radius from San Diego.

Receivers Distributed: 1,100; Estimated Listenership: 1,300.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KPBS-FM, San Diego, 89.5, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

American Foundation for the Blind Western Regional Center
111 Pine Street
Suite 725
San Francisco, CA 94111
(415) 392-4845

See American Foundation for the Blind in national listings.

Braille Institute of America, Inc.
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111, ext. 280 OR Toll-free in California (1-800) 252-9486
Phyllis Cairns, Library Director

Funded By: Contributions, bequests, and foundation grants.
History/Date: Est. 1919 and Inc. 1961.
Area Served: Southern California.

Library provides braille, talking books and cassettes to blind and physically handicapped of southern California and Arizona. Press produces *The Braille Mirror Magazine, Expectation,* an annual anthology for blind children, and other braille materials under contract for free distribution to blind who read braille in English. Recording and reading services primarily for students' textbooks and other educational material.

California State Library/Braille and Talking Book Library
600 Broadway
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 322-4090 OR Toll-free in California (1-800) 952-5666
Donine Hedrick, Program Manager

Funded By: Public funds and gifts.
History/Date: Est. 1904.
Area Served: Northern California.

Regional library for braille, talking books, and cassettes.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, contact above address.

National Association for Visually Handicapped
3201 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94121
(415) 221-3201

See National Association for Visually Handicapped in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Southern California Affiliate
249 East Emerson Avenue, Suite F
Orange, CA 92665-3388
(714) 974-3937
Freda Hinsche, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Northern California Society to Prevent Blindness
4200 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94118-1395
(415) 387-0934
Peter Jamgochian, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
McAlister Center, Claremont Colleges
Ninth and Columbia
Claremont, CA 91711
(714) 624-4156

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
5022 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90027
(213) 664-5525

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
488 West Charleston Road
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(415) 493-3717

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
700 East Harrison
Pomona, CA 91767
(714) 624-4156

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
3970 LaColina Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-6393

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Fresno Volunteer Information Resource Center
1045 S Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(209) 227-6036
Jennifer Williamson, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Orange County Volunteer Information Resource Center
14839 Jalisco Road
LaMirada, CA 90638
(714) 994-1660
Charlene Miller, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Sacramento Volunteer Information Resource Center
1300 Champion Oak
Roseville, CA 95678
(916) 786-7063
Betty Jo Umpstead, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
San Diego Volunteer Information Resource Center
2404 Granger Avenue
National City, CA 92050
(619) 279-8280
Julia Groves, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Southern California Chapter
17625 Avenida de la Herradura
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
(213) 459-8854
Richard Chernick, President

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See also in national listings:

American Academy of Ophthalmology

American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses

Association of Visual Science Librarians

Foundation for Glaucoma Research

Lutheran Braille Workers

National Alliance of Blind Students

Tapes for the Blind

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Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

California Department of Rehabilitation
Central Office
830 K Street Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-3791 voice OR TDD (telecommunication device for the deaf)
P. Cecie Fontanoza, Director
Manuel S. Urena, Program Manager, Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted

Funded By: State and federal funds.
Budget: 1986-87: $182,000,000.
Staff: 1,690.
History/Date: Est. 1963.
Eligibility: The presence of a physical or mental disability that for the individual constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment; and a reasonable expectation that vocational rehabilitation services may benefit the individual in terms of employment.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral service.
Reading: Reader services for clients and non-clients enrolled in community colleges.
Rehabilitation: Personal and home management; orientation/mobility; communications.

Employment: Evaluation, pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up; vending stand training.

Maintains the following center: Orientation Center for the Blind, 400 Adams Street, Albany, CA 94706, (415) 527-0027, Allen Jenkins, Administrator. Provides work adjustment and pre-vocational counseling; personal management; orientation/mobility; physical education; home management; industrial arts; braille; typing; business methods.

District Offices:

Anaheim: 421 N. Brookhurst, Suite 124, Anaheim, CA 92801-5686 (714) 491-2109.
Fresno: 2550 Mariposa Street, Room 2000, Fresno, CA 93721-2270 (209) 445-6080.
Long Beach: 3530 Atlantic Avenue, Room 201, Long Beach, CA 90807-4579 (213) 595-6601.
Los Angeles: 3407 W. Sixth Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90020-2591 (213) 736-3946.
Los Angeles: 11130 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047-4896 (213) 779-5171.
Norwalk: 12440 E. Firestone Boulevard, Suite 215, Norwalk, CA 90650-4386 (213) 864-8521.
Oakland: 1111 Jackson Street, Room 5002, Oakland, CA 94607-4974 (415) 464-0729.
Pasadena: 150 S. Los Robles Avenue, Suite 750, Pasadena, CA 91101-2497 (818) 304-8331.
Pleasant Hill: 2285 Morello Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-1896 (415) 689-3010.
Riverside: 6848 Magnolia Avenue, Suite 5, Riverside, CA 92506-2886 (714) 682-3661.
Sacramento: 2225 19th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818-1690 (916) 322-8602.
San Bernardino: 303 W. Third Street, Room 300, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1885 (714) 383-4408.
San Diego: 6363 Alvarado Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92120-4919 (619) 265-4407.
San Francisco: 2720 Taylor Street, Suite 420, San Francisco, CA 94133-1285 (415) 771-7200.
San Jose: 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Room 324, San Jose, CA 95113-1479 (408) 277-1366.
Santa Barbara: 350 S. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-4045 (805) 569-5586.
Santa Rosa: 50 D Street, Suite 425, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-4764 (707) 576-2242.
Van Nuys: 6150 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 110, Van Nuys, CA 91401-3377 (818) 901-5024.

REHABILITATION

Assistance League of Santa Clara County
169 State Street
Los Altos, CA 94022
(415) 941-2610
Barbara Keil, Chairperson

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social work/ assistance provided.
Educational: Educational services provided. Supplements mainstreamed K-12 students in public school system.
Rehabilitation: Communication; mobility; daily living skills.
Recreational: Recreational field trips/programs provided.

Braille Institute of America, Inc.
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111
Russell W. Kirbey, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Free services for adults, youth, and preschool children who are legally blind.
Funded By: Contributions, bequests, grants.
Budget: 1985 (including capital expenditures): $14,752,657.
History/Date: Est. 1919.
Area Served: Southern California.

Health: Refers to other agencies for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological counseling and referral.
Educational: Programs for adults, youth, and preschool children in a broad curriculum with over 1,100 class sections and 226,000 hours of instruction.
Professional Training: Internship and fieldwork; in-service training programs and seminars for professionals in allied fields.
Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; braille books, large print materials; information and referral; volunteer reading and tape recording services.
Rehabilitation: Independent living skills; orientation/ mobility on site and at home.
Recreational: Adult and youth programs; winter and summer camp experiences; swimming, sports, arts and crafts, physical education, woodshop, and music activities.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill development; vocational job club; refers and provides consultation to other agencies.
Computer Training: 1 full-time instructor. Training varies depending upon individual needs (usually between 12 weeks and 1 year). Access/training on computer aids and devices, microcomputer classes. Subsidy program for equipment needed in employment (southern California only). Contact: Marguerite Guardino, Director, Student Services (213) 663-1111.
Low Vision: Center demonstrates adaptive aids; extensive demonstration center for sensory aids.

Local Offices:

Anaheim: Orange County Center, 527 North Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801-4820 (714) 821-5000.
Camarillo: Camarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1605 East Burnley, Camarillo, CA 93013 (805) 482-4881.
Corona del Mar: The Oasis, 800 Marguerite Avenue, Corona del Mar, CA 92625 (714) 759-1892.
Laguna Hills: Iglesia Community Park, 24671 Via Iglesia, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 (714) 830-8318.
Long Beach: Long Beach Senior Citizens Center, 1150 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, CA 90802 (213) 432-6099.
Los Angeles: Sight Center, 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029 (213) 663-1111.
Los Angeles: Youth Center, 3450 Cahuenga Boulevard West, Los Angeles, CA 90068 (213) 851-6122.
Ojai: Little House, 111 West Santa Ana Street, Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 646-0144.
Oxnard: Wilson Senior Citizens Center, 350 North C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 (805) 984-4645.
Palm Springs: Desert Center, 400 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262 (619) 320-5771.
Santa Ana: Santa Ana Senior Citizens Center, 424 West Third Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 541-9355.
Santa Barbara: Santa Barbara Center, 2031 De La Vina, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 (805) 682-6222.
Simi Valley: Simi Valley Senior Citizens Center, 3900 Avenda, Simi Valley, CA 93060 (805) 526-9237.
Thousand Oaks: Old Meadows Park, 1600 Marview Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (805) 496-2463.
Ventura: Ventura Avenue Adult/Senior Center, 550 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93277 (805) 658-3035.

Center for the Partially Sighted
720 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 200
Santa Monica, CA 90401-1713
(213) 458-3501
Samuel M. Genensky, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for partially sighted/legally blind.
Funded By: Government grants, private donations and fees.
Budget: 1986-87: $956,000.

Staff: 15 full time, 9 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-86: 804.
Eligibility: Visually impaired (visual acuity in the better eye not exceeding 20/70, but better than light perception; or visual field not greater than 30 degrees).

Health: Evaluation of functional vision; prescription and training in the use of spectacles/aids; sells or lends low vision aids or devices; diabetic support group; follow-up evaluation. Refers for, or provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological evaluation; individual, family, and group counseling; peer phone counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; optometry. Open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Information and referral for large print and recorded materials; closed circuit televisions and computers for demonstration and limited use.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility and independent living skills instruction. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Limited recreational program for patients. Refers for recreational/leisure services.
Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.
Research: Areas of interest: psychosocial adaptation to visual impairment, architectural barriers.

Community Blind Center
P.O. Box 467
130 West Flora Street
Stockton, CA 95201
(209) 466-3836
Stephen W. Olmsted, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Staff: 9 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Eligibility: Vision impairment.
Area Served: San Joaquin County and surrounding areas.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Outreach; social evaluation; individual, family and couple counseling; information and referral services.
Reading: Lends talking books and cassette player; talking book and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and large print magazines.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; daily living skills; braille; English as a second language.
Recreational: Adult education; afterschool youth program; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; summer session for youth.
Low Vision: Low vision aids and appliances.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Desert Blind Association
800 Vella Road
P.O. Box 66
Palm Springs, CA 92263
(619) 323-4414
Jean Jackson, Administrator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: United Way and contributions.
Staff: 2 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1972.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Over 18 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Direct counseling to the individual and outreach services.
Rehabilitation: Instruction in activities of daily living. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on rehabilitation services.

Foundation for the Advancement of the Blind, Inc.
4058 Moore Street
Los Angeles, CA 90066
(213) 823-4614
David E. Weddle, President

Mission: Strengthen the economic security of blind and visually impaired individuals.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Information and referral services; counseling for newly blind clients and parents of blind children.
Educational: Scholarships for blind college students.
Employment: Assistance for obtaining and retaining jobs through funding for special on-the-job equipment necessary for employing blind persons.
Research: Funding provided for research projects.

Friendship Center for the Blind
2032 Kern Mall
Fresno, CA 93721
(209) 266-9496
Phillip Kimble, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, sub-contracts, donations, income from capital funds, city and county contracts.
Staff: 8 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1973.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 647.
Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; severely visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Over 18 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation. Individual, group, family/parent counseling. Referral to community services, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Placement in training; regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; therapeutic recreation activities; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; fishing.
Employment: Refers for employment services.
Low Vision: Low vision service.
Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids and devices.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
Southwestern Region Office

870 Market Street, Suite 853
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 956-4562 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

20 Tenth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 431-1481
Michael L. Comini, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for blind and visually disabled children and adults.
Funded By: Private donations.
Budget: 1986: $1,500,000.
Staff: 50. Fully trained volunteers available for reading, in-home personal assistance.
History/Date: Est. 1902.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Medical evaluation of residual vision.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Information and referral; intake evaluation; crisis intervention; individual/group and family counseling; short-term therapy; training in living skills; workshops and seminars for professionals and families; psychological assessment and family counseling for children.
Educational: Adult continuing education classes taught through the San Francisco Community College.
Reading: Limited collection of cassettes, braille books, large print books, recorded magazines, and tape players. Volunteers available for reading services.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility instruction.
Recreational: Recreational and social programs for seniors and adults including dances, field trips, participatory sports, hot lunch on weekdays; Enchanted Hills Camp, residential summer camp for children and adults.
Employment: Vocational counseling; career information; placement assistance; consultation service for prospective employers.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription of appropriate low vision aids and devices in conjunction with Opthalmology Department, Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center.

Local Offices:

Napa: Enchanted Hills Camp, 3410 Mt. Veeder Road, Napa, CA 94558. Phone main office: (415) 431-1481.
San Francisco: Lighthouse-Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center/Low Vision Services, 2340 Clay Street, 5th Flr. Annex, San Francisco, CA 94115 (415) 923-3933.

Lions Blind Center

3834 Opal Street
Oakland, CA 94609
(415) 654-2561
Doris Strong, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; multihandicapped blind.
Budget: 1987: $500,000.
Staff: 17 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1942.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling/social work services.
Educational: Adult continuing education; vocational skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/supervised field-work placement in orientation/mobility; social work; special education. Regular in-service training programs.
Rehabilitation: Work training program; workshop with sub-contract work with deaf-blind; hearing impaired/visually impaired, multiply handicapped individuals; counseling; American sign language; communication skills; personal management; braille; home

management; remedial education; activity program for developmentally disabled deaf-blind adults; swimming classes for preschool blind children. Orientation/mobility: training in home and local community; outreach to elderly; programs for developmentally disabled; Mowat Sensor and in-service training.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; programs for the elderly; bowling. Refers for residential and day summer camp.

Lions Blind Center of Diablo Valley, Inc.

175 Alvarado Avenue
Pittsburg, CA 94565
(415) 432-3013
Lisa Wahl, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind.
Funded By: Sub-contracts, income from capital funds, Lions Clubs.
Budget: 1986: $126,000.
Staff: 2 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1954.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-86: 250.
Eligibility: Legally blind or severely visually handicapped.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision aids and devices. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Program for adult continuing education; cooking; crafts; talking book discussion group.
Professional Training: In-service training for staff and community.
Reading: Talking book record player; cassette player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on request.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; special programs for elderly; bowling; fishing. Refers for other recreation services.
Employment: Refers for employment services.

Local Offices:.
Lamorinda Branch: 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, CA 94549 (415) 283-2235.
West County Branch: 2707 Dover Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806 (415) 236-0921.

Living Skills Center for the Visually Handicapped

2444 Road 20, C-105
San Pablo, CA 94806
(415) 234-4984
Mike Cole, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit agency administered by the Research and Service Foundation for the Handicapped.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; multiply handicapped; deaf-blind.
Funded By: California Department of Rehabilitation.
Staff: 6 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1972.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 25.
Eligibility: Legally blind; eligible for California Department of Rehabilitation services.
Age Requirements: Over 18 years.

Health: Refers for medical services; assists in obtaining low vision evaluations and service; fosters medical awareness through evaluations.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Independent living skills. Accepts deaf-blind; additional disabilities considered on individual basis.
Professional Training: In-service training of others working with visually impaired people.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; signature writing; typing (when needed); video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; listening and vision skills; financial skills training; broad evaluations in areas of cooking, cleaning, care of clothing, social skills, personal hygiene.
Recreational: Recreational outings, i.e. camping, skiing, river rafting, shopping, hiking; regular informal exercise program; jogging; swimming.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career/skill counseling; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Staff activities also include extensive information and referral service via telephone and participation in outreach programs; involvement in community affairs including task force participation on public transportation, city planning, housing, and technical assistance in areas affecting the visually handicapped.

Peninsula Center for the Blind
2435 Faber Place
Palo Alto, CA 94303
(415) 858-0202
Ellen Wright, Executive Director
Richard T. Wacker, O.D., Low Vision Specialist

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Home-based and low vision services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired including preschool children.
Funded By: United Way, fees, contributions, memorials, bequests.
Staff: 11 full time, 2 part time; low vision optometrist on contract part time.
History/Date: Est. 1936 and Inc. 1945.
Transportation: For low vision clinic.

Health: Low vision clinic.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; parent counseling; referral to community services. Consultation to other agencies.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; large print books; recorded magazines; information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Rose Resnick Center for the Blind and Handicapped
1299 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 441-1980
Dr. Rose Resnick, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; other handicapped.
Staff: 10 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1961.
Eligibility: Presence of permanent handicap.
Transportation: Department of Health assists the low income medically certified to find transportation.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling. Effective parenting for children with handicaps. Referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Educational: Non-graded. Learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; other multiply handicapped; those with cerebral palsy; arthritic back injured; elderly. Programs for adult continuing education; public education courses; support group for people with Parkinson's disease.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation; recreation.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility; home and community. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; special programs for elderly; swimming; yoga; hiking; riding; boating; sailing; fishing; games; drama; special program for children.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Sacramento Society for the Blind
2750 24th Street
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 452-8271
Thomas Ryan, Executive Director

Funded By: United Way, contributions, and fees.
Staff: 7 full time, 7 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1954.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 704.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Area Served: Sacramento area.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: None.

Health: Low vision clinic.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; activities of daily living; braille; recreation.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

San Bernardino Valley Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.
762 North Sierra Way
San Bernardino, CA 92410
(714) 884-3121
Robert G. McBay, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
History/Date: Est. 1938.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home economics; woodwork; sewing; macrame; ceramics; braille; arts and crafts.

San Diego Service Center for the Blind
5922 El Cajon Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92115
(619) 583-1542
Warren Simon, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: San Diego County.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling in house and outreach.
Educational: Young adult and adult. Non-graded.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; handwriting; home management; orientation/mobility.
Low Vision Aids: Sells aids.

North County Satellite Center: Carlsbad/Oceanside area: (619) 583-1542.

Sensory Aids Foundation
399 Sherman Avenue
Suite 12
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(415) 329-0430
Daniel Van Horn, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; handicaps other than visual.
Funded By: Government grants.
Staff: 5 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Eligibility: Referral by Department of Rehabilitation, counselor or employer.

Educational: 12th grade; 4th year college.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement; rehabilitation counseling. Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Employment: Career/skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment orientation services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Publications: *Technology Update,* a monthly newsletter, and *Sensus,* a quarterly magazine. Publications emphasize technology for the blind and visually impaired. Subscription information available on request.

Services for the Blind
2015 North Broadway
Santa Ana, CA 92706
(714) 541-3354
Ronnie Passolt, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; primarily children's services.
Funded By: Grants and donations.
Budget: 1987: $428,000.
Staff: 15 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1962.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Consultation to other agencies in these areas. Information and referral systems.
Educational: Accepts visually impaired; other multiply handicapped. Programs for preschoolers and infants on-site and in home. Consulting services to schools for K-12; itinerant teaching; orientation/mobility counseling; teacher consultation and assessment.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placements in social work; special education; psychological testing; human services. Has regular in-service training program.

Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute Rehabilitation Engineering Center
2232 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 561-1619 OR 561-1620
Arthur Jampolsky, Director
John Brabyn, Co-director

Funded By: Federal and private grants.
History/Date: Est. 1975.

Professional Training: Offers informal training program for blind technicians, and technical assistance in vocational placement.
Research: Conducts rehabilitation engineering research and development in orientation/mobility, low vision, vocational educational, recreational, and deaf-blind aids.
Publications: *Annual Report of Progress, Smith-Kettlewell Technical File* and *Catalogue of Vocational and Educational Aids.*

Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind
1577 North Fair Oaks
Pasadena, CA 91103
Alan Puzarne, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; learning disabled.
Staff: 28 full time, 26 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1977.

Eligibility: Developmentally disabled and blind.

Health: Contracts for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group and family counseling; placement in school and training. Referral to community services. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, other multiply handicapped. Grades through 9 and nongraded. Program for adult continuing education; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training. Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation and mobility.
Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitory and boarding house for adults and multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; summer day camp; bowling; swimming; track.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment services.

Tri-Visual Services
P.O. Box 8126
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 441-2009 OR 969-0376
Elena Hordwell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Strengthen services to visually handicapped people.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: Sacramento area.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Annual workshop on diabetes and blindness; consulting and counseling services.
Residential: One-week summer program.
Rehabilitation: Independent living program; daily living skills.
Recreational: Travel club has several field trips for youths and adults.
Computer Training: Computer literacy workshop, plus BUG, a monthly forum.

Publications: *TVS Newsletter* (large print/braille/cassette); braille menus at no charge to restaurants.

Western Blind Rehabilitation Center/Veterans Administration Medical Center
3801 Miranda Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94304
(415) 858-3921
Joseph J. Hennessey, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the western states of the country, including Hawaii and Alaska.
History/Date: Est. 1966.

Referral applications by Veterans Administration Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center.
For a description of services offered, see Veterans Administration in Federal Agencies listings.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.
512 North Larchmont Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90004
(213) 626-3370 OR 468-8856
Lequita J. McKay, President
Edward Raiden, Executive Secretary

Mission: Gives aid to the blind. Sponsors dog guides for the blind.
Funded By: Contributions and endowment.
History/Date: Est. 1952.

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.
P.O. Box 1200
San Rafael, CA 94915
(415) 479-4000
Russell B. Post, Executive Director

Mission: Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons at no cost. Provides follow-up services for clients.
Funded By: Contributions and endowment.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1942.
Area Served: United States.

Professional Training: Trains own instructors and breeds own dogs.

International Guiding Eyes, Inc.
13445 Glenoaks Boulevard
Sylmar, CA 91342
(213) 362-5834

Mission: Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons free of charge. Provides consultation and referral and follow-up services for clients.
Funded By: Contributions.
History/Date: Inc. 1948.
Area Served: Worldwide.

Low Vision Centers

California Association of Ophthalmology
2021 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(213) 829-9034
Thomas A. Hanscom, M.D., President

California Optometric Association
P.O. Box 2591
Sacramento, CA 95812
(916) 441-3990
Richard H. Kendall, O.D.

California Eye Institute/Low Vision Resource Center
1163 East Warner
Fresno, CA 93710
(209) 449-2002
Virgil C. Snow, M.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; federal and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant, ophthalmology assistant; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Legally blind; referral and current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan at no charge; sold at cost.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview.

Center for the Partially Sighted
720 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 200
Santa Monica, CA 90401-1713
(213) 458-3501
Samuel M. Genensky, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: California Department of Rehabilitation; private donations; client fees (sliding scale); third party payers; and city of Santa Monica.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrists; optometric interns; optometric technicians; psychologists; peer counselors; orientation/mobility instructors; independent living skills instructors; social service and follow-up counselors.
Eligibility: Low vision.
Area Served: Unlimited.
Transportation: Local patient transportation available.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fees; on-site and off-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview 1 week, second appointment 2 weeks after initial visit; periodic phone calls and home/school/work site follow-up visits as needed; 6 month and 1 year recall.

Further information: LaDonna S. Ringering, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Services.

Eye Medical Clinic of Fresno, Inc.
1122 S Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(209) 486-5000
Virgil C. Snow, M.D.

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. by appointment.
Staff: At Fresno Community Hospital Rehabilitation Department: Orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optician.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period; no rental fees; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By appointment within 1 month.

Further information: John Kinney, O.D.

Jules Stein Eye Institute
University of California at Los Angeles
Center for the Health Sciences
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(213) 825-5051
Bradley R. Straatsma, M.D., Director and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology

Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. by appointment, or emergency clinic at all times.

Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

Further information: Bradley R. Straatsma, M.D., Director.

King-Drew Medical Center
12021 South Wilmington Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90059
(213) 603-4281
Thomas Kang, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Hours of Operation: Mon. 1:00 PM-4:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; genetic counselor.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: County of Los Angeles.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: After 3 months by return appointment.

Further information: Thomas Kang, O.D.

Lighthouse-Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center/ Low Vision Services
2340 Clay Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 923-3933
August Colenbrander, M.D., Medical Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Patient fees and grant from San Francisco Lighthouse.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant; low vision specialist; social worker; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; vocational rehabilitation counselor; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor.
Eligibility: Ophthalmology report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: As needed. Long-term follow-up by questionnaire.

Further information: Anna E. Ortiz-Harder, M.A., Coordinator.

Loma Linda University Medical Center
P.O. Box 1160
11370 Anderson Street, Suite 1800
Loma Linda, CA 92354
(714) 796-4818 OR 825-6513
James I. McNeill, M.D., Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and private foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; genetic counselor.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: As needed; phone follow-up to all patients.

Further information: Alan J. Riezman, O.D. or Sherianne Okawa, LCSW.

Low Vision Clinic/Presidio
Ophthalmology Service
Letterman Army Medical Center
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129
(415) 561-4087

Funded By: Federal government.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM. By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; optician; social worker; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: Active military duty; retired; military dependents.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Aids provided; no fee; on-site training available.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 1 month.

Further information: Howard B. Cohen, M.D.; John Tierney, O.D.

Low Vision Clinic
University of California School of Optometry
Berkeley, CA 94720
(415) 642-5726
Ian L. Bailey, O.D., Director

Funded By: State funds; client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry residents; special educator; low vision mobility specialist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: May be purchased by client or provided on loan for trial period; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: After 1 month with additional services as needed.

Further information: Ian L. Bailey, Director.

Low Vision Services of California
598 Bosworth Street, #1
San Francisco, CA 94131
(415) 239-6000
H. Milton Delaney, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; federal and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site and in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Veronica Chilton.

Optometric Center of Los Angeles
Southern California College of Optometry
3916 South Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90037
(213) 234-9137
Morton W. Silverman, O.D., Director
Wayne W. Hoeft, O.D., Coordinator, Low Vision Services
Marilyn K. Gilbreath, O.D., Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Fri. 8:30 AM-12 PM.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes through Lions Loaner Library; on-site training provided.

Further information: Wayne W. Hoeft, O.D.; Marilyn K. Gilbreath, O.D.

Peninsula Center for the Blind
2435 Faber Place
Palo Alto, CA 94303
(415) 858-0202
Ellen Wright, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and donations.
Hours of Operation: Tues. and Wed. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision; optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.
Area Served: San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; fee charged; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

St. Mary Low Vision Center
1050 Linden
Long Beach, CA 90813
(213) 491-9275
Orville Cole, M.D., Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Foundation grants; donations.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Eligibility: Written referral from ophthalmologist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: Florence Traub, RN.

Santa Clara Valley Blind Center, Inc.
101 North Bascom Avenue
San Jose, CA 95123
(408) 295-4016
Lucinda Campbell, Director

Mission: Information and referral, counseling, orientation/mobility, braille instruction, recreation and social activities.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Scripps Memorial Hospital Mericos Eye Institute/ Partial Vision Center
9888 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla, CA 92037
(619) 457-6571
Dr. Paul E. Michelson, M.D., F.A.C.S., Consultant

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Staff: Occupational therapist; ophthalmologist; optometrist; physical therapist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge; demonstrated free of charge.

Further information: William B. Mattingly, Service Coordinator.

Southern California College of Optometry Low Vision Clinic
2001 Associated Road
Fullerton, CA 92631
(714) 870-7226
Lawrence E. Gallarini, O.D., Chief

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/residents; service coordinator.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; rental fee charged; on-site training.
Low Vision Follow-up: By recall system within 6 months.

University of California, Davis Department of Ophthalmology Low Vision Services
1611 Alhambra Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 453-5676
Karla Zadnik, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees; county and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Tues. and Fri., 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist; optometrist.
Eligibility: By referral only.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan at no charge; prescribed and fitted for variable charge.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Visual Service Center/Low Vision Clinic
2750 Twenty-Fourth Street
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 452-8271
Palmer N. Lee, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Professional Training: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 1 month; by visit to place of employment or school at that time, if indicated.

Further information: Jean Autrey (916) 452-8271.

Wadsworth Veterans Administration Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90073
(213) 824-4317
Gary N. Holland, M.D., Chief, Ophthalmology Section

Funded By: Federal government.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/technician, ophthalmic photographer.
Eligibility: Veterans only.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Professional Training: On-site training available.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee.

Further information: Martin Maharis.

Watts Health Foundation/United Health Plan
10300 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002
(213) 564-4331
Glenn Ford, M.D., Ophthalmologist and Chief, Optometry Department

Funded By: Grants; patient fees; Medicare; Medicaid.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Area Served: South central Los Angeles and additional local areas.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment after 1 month.

Further information: Glenn Ford, M.D.

Western Blind Rehabilitation Center/Veterans Administration Medical Center
3801 Miranda Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94304
(415) 858-3921
Joseph J. Hennessey, Director

Funded By: Federal government.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry students and residents; low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teachers; psychologist/counselor; manual skills instructor; ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselors; audiologist.
Eligibility: Legally blind veterans only; ophthalmology report.
Area Served: Western states of the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Frequency is variable.

Further information: Joseph J. Hennessey, Director.

COLORADO

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Colorado Department of Education
Special Education Services Unit
Colorado Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Handicapped (CIMC/VH)
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-6694
W. Buck Schrotberger, Senior Consultant
Brian McNulty, Executive Director of the Special Education Services Unit
Nancy Sievers, Early Childhood Special Education Consultant (303) 866-6710
David Smith, Senior Consultant Early Childhood (303) 866-6710

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides consultation on materials and educational services for visually handicapped children. Supervises volunteer services; transcribing textbooks for visually handicapped students.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Colorado.

Operates materials lending service of braille, large print, and taped textbooks.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind
33 North Institute Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(303) 636-5186
Gordon L. Kaufman, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; moderately mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped.
Budget: 1986: $5,100,000.
Staff: 68 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1874.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 207.
Eligibility: School has enrollment criteria. Educable.
Age Requirements: Maximum: 21 years.
Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Contracts and refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling; placement in school, training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grade range: K through 12 and non-graded. Programs for infants, preschool; college prep; general academic; remedial education.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; special education; vocational rehabilitation.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; low vision training; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Contact Superintendent for program availability.

Parent Advocates for Visually Impaired Children (PAVIC)
4642 Shaw Boulevard
Westminister, CO 80030
(303) 428-5581
Cheri Gustin, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Maintains parent support group, advocacy regarding care and education of visually impaired children.
Funded By: Fund raising.
Staff: 1 part time and volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Age Requirements: 0-18 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent support group workshops; refers for community services.
Reading: Information and referral services available.
Rehabilitation: Summer workshops on activities of daily living/personal management.
Publications: *Perceive Newsletter.*

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Anchor Preschool for Blind Children
700 West Mansfield
Englewood, CO 80010
(303) 762-1031
Susan Newhart, Director

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: Private donations and foundation grants.
Staff: 2 full time (dually certified teachers of visually handicapped children); 5 part time (includes psychologist, ophthalmologist, various therapists); uses volunteers. Has advisory board.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Area Served: Denver metropolitan area.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment. Variety of services, including genetic counseling, low vision exams, immunizations, and blood tests available by referral.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped infants, 0-3 years. Classroom for 3-5 year olds, plus consultant services to other programs. Parent group component.

Cherry Creek School District
4700 South Yosemite
Englewood, CO 80111
(303) 773-1184 Ext. 4252
Kathy Smith, Director of Pupil Services

Type of Agency: Public school itinerant vision program.
Funded By: State funds and P.L. 94-142.
Staff: 1 full-time, dually certified teacher. Has advisory board for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: Cherry Creek School district.
Age Requirements: 3-5 years.

Health: Genetic counseling and low vision exams available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas related to vision. Home-teaching, multihandicapped classes, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

Generic program (CHEER) also offered to children, 0-5 years, with itinerant vision support. Includes home teaching, parent-child groups, family workshops, preschool classes.

Contact: Holly Hills Elementary School, 6161 E. Cornell, Denver, CO 80222. (303) 756-7606.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

American Red Cross/Mile High Chapter
170 Steele Street
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 399-0550
Ann Moores, Braille Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Boulder Public Library
P.O. Drawer H
Boulder, CO 80306
(303) 441-3100
Priscilla Simmons, Director, Braille Computer Center Project

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, personal.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed lists supplied at no charge, braille lists supplied with a charge.

Colorado Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Handicapped
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-6694
W. Buck Schrotberger, Senior Consultant

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Colorado State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-2081
Barbara J. Goral, Supervisor

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of Northern Colorado
Division of Educational Studies
Greeley, CO 80639
David L. Kappan, Orientation and Mobility (303) 351-1673
Dr. Dean Tuttle, Visually Handicapped (303) 351-1671
Terry Deniston, Orientation and Mobility/ Multihandicapped (303) 351-1653

Master's programs for dual competency teachers of the visually handicapped, orientation and mobility and dual competency teachers of the multihandicapped/ visually handicapped. Master's program for multiple competency teachers of orientation and mobility/ visually handicapped/multihandicapped. Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) level programs in education of the visually handicapped.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Colorado Society to Prevent Blindness
3500 East 12th Avenue
Denver, CO 80206-9989
(303) 399-8090
Clem Spainhower, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Colorado State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-2081 OR Toll-free in Colorado (1-800) 332-5852
Barbara J. Goral, Supervisor

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Colorado.

Regional library providing braille, disks, cassettes, and large type books and magazines. Recording and large print transcription services.

Recording for the Blind
305 Milwaukee Street
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 388-6594

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Denver Volunteer Information Resource Center
3172 Victor Street
Aurora, CO 80011
(303) 364-4332
Bob Martin, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

Blind Outdoor Leisure Development

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Rehabilitation
Colorado Rehabilitation Services
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203-1714
(303) 866-4390
Bryant Moore, State Coordinator for the Blind
Kenneth Schmidt, Director of Field Services

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Staff: 37 full time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Visual impairment that interferes with employment or independent living.

Health: Low vision aids or devices. Contracts and refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Vocational evaluation; individual counseling. Contracts and refers for other services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement;

orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling and teaching. In-service programs.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Contracts and refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Special programs for elderly and deaf-blind; and blind and deaf.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; vocational training; placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other services.
Computer Training: Access.

Local Offices:

Alamosa: Division of Rehabilitation, 422 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 990, Alamosa, CO 81101 (303) 589-5158.
Colorado Springs: Division of Rehabilitation, Rantree Office Plaza, Suite 101, 25 North Spruce Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80905 (303) 633-1721.
Denver: Services for Individuals Who Are Blind or Deaf, 2211 West Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80223 (303) 937-1226.
Denver: Services for Individuals Who Are Blind or Deaf, 1600 Downing Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80218 (303) 866-2650.
Grand Junction: Division of Rehabilitation, 222 S. Sixth Street, Room 215, Grand Junction, CO 81501 (303) 248-7103.
Greeley: Division of Rehabilitation, 800 Eighth Avenue, Suite 121, Greeley, CO 80631 (303) 352-5180.
Pueblo: Services for Individuals Who Are Blind or Deaf, 119 West Sixth Street, Suite 203, Pueblo, CO 81003 (303) 546-0966.

REHABILITATION

Denver Adult Blind Home
1880 South Pierce, #9-A
Lakewood, CO 80226
(303) 935-4059

Funded By: Contribution and endowment.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1913.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books.
Rehabilitation: Personal management.

Families of the Blind, Inc.
1330 Gaylord Street, Suite 307
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 322-7026
Harry Goldschlag, Director

Mission: Community services.
Funded By: United Fund, foundations, corporations, individuals.
Staff: 5.
History/Date: Est. 1985.
Eligibility: Vision loss.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for diagnosis/evaluation/treatment/prescriptions/audiology therapy/low vision clinics and aids and devices.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides social evaluation. Refers for counseling, schools, training and other community services.
Professional Training: In-service programs in volunteering for reading, companionship and transportation services. Open enrollment from other agencies.
Rehabilitation: Refers for living skills, braille reading, orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Special programs for the elderly; concerts; plays.

Helen Campbell Independent Living Center
835 Colorado Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501
(303) 241-0315
Ron Halsey, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Grants, donations.
Staff: 3 full time, 3 part time, plus volunteers for driving, reading, teaching.
History/Date: Est. 1984.
Eligibility: Physical disability.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual and group counseling; also refers for community services.
Educational: Vocational/skill development for deaf/blind/multiply handicapped.
Reading: Information and referral services; reading aids—Optacon and VTEK.
Rehabilitation: Daily living, communication skills; orientation/mobility; off-site training.
Recreational: Arts and crafts, weekdays/weekends.
Employment: Occupational skill development, job retraining.
Computer Training: Volunteers available for training.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
Rocky Mountain Region Office
12075 East 45th Avenue
Suite 222
Denver, CO 80239
(303) 373-1204 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Low Vision Centers

Colorado Ophthalmological Society
1500 16th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631
(303) 353-3443
John R. Welch, M.D., President

Colorado Optometric Association, Inc.
410 17th Street, Suite 2060
Denver, CO 80202-4433
(303) 892-8898
Gwenne Hume, Ed.D.

Colorado Optometric Center/Low Vision Clinic
929 29th Street
Denver, CO 80205
(303) 295-2402
Peggy Futch, Executive Director
Mark DeGeorge, O.D., Clinical Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and United Way.
Hours of Operation: Tues. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/residents; low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; special educator, by referral.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on a trial basis; rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment/phone interview in 1 month; by rehabilitation person in 2 months; by return appointment in 3 months.

Further information: Dr. Roger Taylor or Peggy Futch, Executive Director.

Low Vision Clinic, Denver General Hospital
Eighth Avenue at Cherokee Street
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 893-6105

Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: None.

Further information: Eye Clinic Secretary.

Porter Memorial Hospital/Porter Low Vision Service
2525 South Downing Street
Denver, CO 80210
(303) 778-5707
Brenna Crowson, Low Vision Consultant

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: Client fees; foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist.
Eligibility: Must be referred.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling available.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

CONNECTICUT

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind
170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 249-8525
William E. Patton, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Through Division of Children's Services, provides consultation on education of visually handicapped children. Administers supplemental state funds for education of visually handicapped children in local schools, preschool through high school. Provides reader service on all educational levels.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1893.
Area Served: Connecticut.

For information about local facilities, contact the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Oak Hill School/Connecticut Institute for the Blind
120 Holcomb Street
Hartford, CT 06112
(203) 242-2274
Lars Guldager, Ph.D., Superintendent

Mission: Special programs for deaf-blind.
Funded By: Public funds, federal grants, contributions and endowment.
Staff: 307 full time, 67 part time.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1893.
Eligibility: Multihandicapped with vision problems, accompanied by a regular or diagnostic Individualized Education Program.
Area Served: No geographical limitations.
Age Requirements: 2-21 years.

Health: Occupational, physical, speech, music therapies; medical; dental; 24-hour nursing services; numerous consultants.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social casework; social and habilitation guidance.
Educational: Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for each student; Individual Program Plans (IPPs) for each adult.
Professional Training: Coordinated by full-time staff development specialist. Initial on-going training for all direct care staff, professionals and paraprofessionals. Internships for prospective teachers, therapists, nurses.
Reading: Large print books and cassettes.
Residential: Semi-independent dormitories and apartments. Eight group homes; one on campus serving eight students; seven in nearby towns serving a total of 15 adults and 37 students between the ages of 15 and 21. Actively pursuing construction of group homes for severely multihandicapped.
Rehabilitation: Emphasis on daily living skills; personal management; behavior management; orientation/mobility; leisure time activities.
Recreational: Full-time recreation specialist; swimming in on-campus indoor pool; indoor and outdoor play centers; adaptive physical education; special events; age-appropriate activities such as bowling, roller skating, ice skating, utilizing community facilities; summer camp on shores of Long Island Sound.
Employment: Pre-vocational and vocational training. Work activity center on campus. Day activities programs and sheltered workshops in community conducted by other agencies; some conducted by Oak Hill School.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind
170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 249-8525
William E. Patton, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313, state funds, Supplemental Security Income.
Staff: 4 full time (teachers of visually handicapped children); 6 part time; consultants available for psychology, various therapies, orientation/mobility, psychiatry.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: Entire state.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-2.8 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams. Home-based and itinerant vision services to public schools and private agencies for preschool visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.

Variety of support and related services available by consultation.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped infants, with or without other handicaps.
Publications: *A Closer Look at Low Vision Aids* and *As We See It.*

Oak Hill School/Connecticut Institute for the Blind
120 Holcomb Street
Hartford, CT 06112
(203) 242-2274
Lars Guldager, Ph.D., Superintendent
Anne Lasser, Director of Social Services

Type of Agency: Private, state-supported residential school.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations, income from capital funds, state funds, foundation grants, grants from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
Budget: 1986: $14,916,738.
Staff: 194 full time; 175 part time; uses volunteers. Has Human Rights Advisory Committee (parent members) for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1893.
Eligibility: Severely multihandicapped.
Age Requirements: Over 2.8 years.

Health: Some health services available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides direct instruction in all developmental and related service areas and a variety of social services.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Connecticut Braille Association, Inc.
664 Oakwood Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06110
(203) 522-9692
Anne S. Murphy, Executive Secretary, Large Type Division

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Connecticut Braille Association, Inc.
44 Imperial Avenue
Westport, CT 06880
(203) 227-5243
Marguerite Smith, President

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Darien Community Association Program for the Blind
274 Middlesex Road
Darien, CT 06820
(203) 655-8554
Carol Ann Creelman, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Connecticut Radio Information Services (CRIS) (I)
589 Jordan Lane
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 522-8710
Dave Judy, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Directors

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: Northwestern quadrant of Connecticut and some southwestern portions of Connecticut.

Receivers Distributed: 500; Estimated Listenership: 350. Transmission(s) Originates From: WJMJ-FM, Hartford, 88.9, SCA, NC; WPKN-FM, Bridgeport, 89.5, SCA, NC.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Connecticut Society to Prevent Blindness, Inc.
24 Wall Street
P.O. Box 2020
Madison, CT 06443-3191
(203) 245-4700
David Rowland, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Connecticut State Library/Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
198 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
(203) 566-2151 OR Toll-free in Connecticut (1-800) 842-4516
Dale Wierzbicki, Librarian

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassettes, and tapes. Talking book machines and cassette players.

Recording for the Blind
93 Edwards Street
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 865-5038

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Connecticut Chapter
10 Middle Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 333-5133
Murray Klein, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind
170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 249-8525
William E. Patton, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.
Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1986: $10,888,032.
Staff: 130 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1893.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 8,233.
Eligibility: Severe visual impairment.
Area Served: Connecticut.

Health: Low vision service; aids and appliances. Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral service; psychological testing and evaluation.
Educational: Preschool; elementary; secondary; college.
Rehabilitation: Optacon; personal management; orientation/mobility training.
Recreational: Refers for summer camp program.
Employment: Evaluation and pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; vending facility training; home employment programs.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

REHABILITATION

Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic/ Veterans Administration Medical Center
West Spring Street
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 932-5711
James J. Acton, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the Northeast and Middle Atlantic portions of the country.
History/Date: Est. 1969.

Referral applications by Veterans Administration Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center.

For a description of services offered, see Veterans Administration in Federal Agencies listings.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 142
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(203) 243-5200
Charles Kaman, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Mobility training with dog guides.
Funded By: Income from capital funds, voluntary donations.
Physical Facility: Training center - Iron Ore Road.
Staff: 15.
History/Date: Breeding program est. 1962; training program est. 1981.
Eligibility: Serious visual impairment; good physical/ mental health and character.

Area Served: New England; New York.
Age Requirements: At least 16 years.

Professional Training: Orientation/mobility.

Recorded materials; also mails audio versions of a quarterly newsletter to interested individuals and Fidelco graduates continuing study and evaluation of dog breeding/training techniques.

Low Vision Centers

Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians
71 Spencer Street
Winsted, CT 06098
(203) 379-0791
Ronald O. Berger, M.D., President

Connecticut Optometric Association, Inc.
Association Resources, Inc.
638 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
(203) 233-0022
Peter J. Berry

Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic/ Veterans Administration Medical Center
West Spring Street
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 932-5711
James J. Acton, Director
Robert Perlin, Optometrist

Funded By: Federal government.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmology residents; optometrist; vision rehabilitation specialist; social worker; psychologist; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; specialist rehabilitation counselor teaching manual skills.
Eligibility: Legally blind veterans only; referral by local Veterans Administration coordinator or social worker.
Area Served: East Coast from Maine to Virginia.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By telephone and questionnaire.

Further information: James J. Acton.

Rehabilitation Center Low Vision Clinic
95 Hamilton Street
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 777-2000
William V. Padula, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.
Staff: Audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; counselors; optometrist.
Eligibility: Vision impairment.
Age Requirements: 4 weeks or older.

Low Vision: On-site/in-home/place of employment training available.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan or purchase.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

DELAWARE

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Delaware Department of Public Instruction
John G. Townsend Building
P.O. Box 1402
Dover, DE 19903
(302) 736-5471
Dr. William B. Keene, Superintendent
Carl Haltom, State Director, Exceptional Children/ Special Program Division

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Delaware.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area. Computer access and training available through the Educational Computing Services Division of the Department of Public Instruction.

Contact: Tom Brennan, State Supervisor, address above.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired
305 West Eighth Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 571-3333
Robert Snider, Division Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for all visually handicapped persons from birth, with or without other handicaps.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations, state funds.
Staff: 12 full time (includes teachers of visually handicapped children and of orientation/mobility). Has advisory committee with parent member.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment. Genetic counseling and other health services available by referral.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance.
Preschools: Day care program. Instruction in all developmental areas.
Low Vision: Low vision exams; all eye exams.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Delaware Association for the Blind
2915 Newport Gap Pike
Wilmington, DE 19808
(302) 994-9478
Linda S. Lauria, Executive Director

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious, personal needs.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired
305 West Eighth Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 571-3333
Norman Balot, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Delaware Division of Libraries
43 South DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 736-4748 OR Toll-free in Delaware (1-800) 282-8676

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Area Served: Delaware.

Regional library that is a division of the Department of Community Affairs. Supplies talking books, cassette tape books, talking and cassette machines.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Delaware Volunteer Information Resource Center
446 South New Street
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 678-1000
Marsha Ross Berman, O.D., Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired
305 West Eighth Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 571-3333
Robert Snider, Division Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services to all visually handicapped persons from birth, with or without other handicaps.
Funded By: Public funds, state and federal funds.
History/Date: Est. 1909.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation services.
Educational: Preschool and supportive services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; vocational training; vocational placement; vending facility training; sheltered workshops. Business enterprise services; sheltered workshop service.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Exams.

Contact: Virginia Ottinger, Computer Training Center Supervisor (302) 571-3576.

REHABILITATION

Delaware Association for the Blind
800 West Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 655-2111
Linda S. Lauria, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Staff: 5 full time, 12 seasonal. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1948.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Referral to community services; support group counseling.
Residential: 22-bed camp dormitory for children and adults.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; vacation center for adult blind; summer day camp; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; exercise classes; transportation.

Volunteer taping program.

Low Vision Centers

Delaware Academy of Ophthalmology
2006 B Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
(302) 475-2500
Ralph Stuart Milner, M.D., President

Delaware Optometric Association, Inc.
902 Marsh Road
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 764-4613
George Kledaras, O.D.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

District of Columbia Division of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
District of Columbia Public Schools
Webster Administration Building
10th Street and H Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 724-4018
Doris A. Woodson, Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Coleman, ECSP Program Management Services, (202) 724-2141

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers supplemental funds for visually handicapped students in local schools. Maintains special teachers or sight conservation and braille programs on both the elementary and secondary levels.
Funded By: Public funds.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Infant and Child Development Program/Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
1421 P Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 462-2900
Charles A. Fegan, Executive Director
Donna Zadnick, Director, Community Services
Rochelle R. Givens, Coordinator, Infant/Child Development Program

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations and foundation grants.
Staff: 2 full time; uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and family counseling. Other related and support services available on referral.
Educational: Provides direct instruction in developmental areas. Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped infants, with or without other handicaps.

Publications: *Family Bulletin; Our Child Is Visually Impaired: What Do We Do Now?,* others.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
1421 P Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 462-2900
Charles A. Fegan, Executive Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Short items.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

District of Columbia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
901 G Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-2142
Grace J. Lyons, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Hearing-Vision Impaired Program
800 Florida Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 651-5542
Arthur Roehrig, Director

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, continuing education.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

American Foundation for the Blind Mid-Atlantic Regional Center and Governmental Relations Department
1615 M Street, N.W., Suite 250
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 457-1487

See American Foundation for the Blind in national listings.

District of Columbia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
901 G Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-2142
Grace J. Lyons, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: District of Columbia.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, tape and large type books. Kurzweil Reading Machine and closed circuit television. Provides training on computer aids and devices.

Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington
1775 Church Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 234-1010
Arnold Simonse, Executive Director

Mission: Prevents blindness by public/professional education and programs.
Publications: Newsletter.

Recording for the Blind
4000 Albemarle Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 244-8990

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Greater Washington, DC Chapter
P.O. Box 27121
Washington, DC 20038
(202) 362-DCRP
Moira Shea, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America

American Association of Retired Persons

American Blind Lawyers Association

American Council of the Blind, Inc.

American Council of the Blind Parents

Blinded Veterans Association

Braille Authority of North America

Council of Rehabilitation Specialists

Eye Bank Association of America

Independent Visually Impaired Enterprises

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

National Association of Blind Teachers

National Association of State Directors of Special Education

National Association of Vision Professionals Prevention of Blindness Society

National Children's Eye Care Foundation

ODPHP (Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) National Health Information Center

United States Association for Blind Athletes

Other agencies in the District of Columbia can be found in the Federal Agencies listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

District of Columbia Rehabilitation Services Administration
Visual Impairment Section
605 G Street, Room 901
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-0907
James L. Clark, Supervisor

Type of Agency: State.
Staff: 9 full time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Resident of D.C.; disability imposes vocational handicap; potential for benefit from vocational rehabilitation; of an age still able to work.

Health: Contracts for most health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: College programs; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training.
Rehabilitation: Contracts or refers for all rehabilitation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts for other employment services.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

REHABILITATION

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
1421 P Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 462-2900
Charles A. Fegan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Government grants and fees.
Staff: 72 full time, 17 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1900.
Eligibility: Legally blind; children with 20/70 vision or less.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for all health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.
Educational: Infant and child development program; accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped, other multiply handicapped. Summer program for school-age children.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral special collection; transcription to braille.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Summer day camp; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for other recreational/leisure services. Provides consultation to other agencies on special programs for visually impaired persons.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; vocational training; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement. Refers for other employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies in vending facility training.
Low Vision: Services provided at the Fred Nauheim Low Vision Clinic.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Washington Home for the Blind, Inc.
5516 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20011
(202) 722-4460
James E. Mabson, President
Elaine Crouch, Director

Funded By: Contributions and fees.
History/Date: Inc. 1950.

Residence for adults.

Low Vision Centers

Washington DC Ophthalmological Society
6410 Rockledge Drive, Suite 312
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 530-5200
Stephen S. Pappas, M.D., President

Optometric Society of the District of Columbia
35 Wisconsin Circle, Room 414
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
(301) 656-8560
Virginia Martin

Columbia Lighthouse/Fred Nauheim Low Vision Clinic
1421 P Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 462-2900
Joanne W. Economon, M.D., Medical Director

Hours of Operation: Wednesday afternoons.
Staff: Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation counselor. Social worker, recreation programmer, vocational counselor available.
Area Served: Washington metropolitan area.

Computer Training: Access and training on computer aids/devices.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Georgetown Hospital Low Vision Clinic Center for Sight

3800 Reservoir Road
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 625-7121
Kenneth Zaslow, M.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents.
Eligibility: Physician referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted; sold at cost; provided on loan for trial purposes; no fee charged for rental; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview in 1 month.

Further information: Dr. Zaslow.

George Washington University Medical Center, Department of Ophthalmology

2150 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 676-4050

Hours of Operation: Tues. 8:45 AM-3:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 4 months.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Georgia Avenue and Fern Street
Washington, DC 20307
(202) 576-1960
Colonel Paul Whitmore, M.D., Chief, Ophthalmology Service

Funded By: Federal government.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic assistant/technician; optometrist.
Eligibility: Active or retired military; authorized veterans; authorized dependents.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

Washington Hospital Center Eye Clinic

110 Irving Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20010
(202) 541-6070
Martin Kolsky, M.D., Director, Low Vision Clinic

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: 2nd Fri. of each month, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; social worker; genetic counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

Further information: Dr. Kolsky.

FLORIDA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students
Florida Department of Education
Knott Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
(904) 488-1461
Diane Gillespie, Bureau Chief
Carol Allman, Consultant, Visually Impaired Programs

Mission: Through the Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students and the Division of Public Schools, provides consultative services for the establishment and operation of school programs for visually impaired students. Provides assistance for in-service teacher training through state or regional workshops or technical assistance to individual programs. The Bureau also monitors public school districts and residential programs.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Florida.
Educational: Orientation and mobility resource manuals developed by the state of Florida and school districts describing orientation and mobility, teaching and training activities, developing multi-district programs, and movement analysis in preschool visually impaired individuals.
Computer Training: Access, training on computer aids and devices varies among school districts; adaptive computer information available through a resource manual developed by the state of Florida and Broward County schools.

SCHOOLS

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
207 North San Marco Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-1654
Robert T. Dawson, President
Tuck Tinsley III, Principal

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 571 full time including all departments, 78 full time in the Department for the Blind.
Eligibility: 20/70 in best eye after correction; multihandicapped with the exception of children whose disabilities include the categories of trainable mental retardation, profound mental retardation, severe emotional disturbance, or autism or who are homebound.

Health: Occupational, physical and speech therapy; diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; general medical services; dental services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group and family/parent counseling; linkage with other agencies and community services.
Educational: Grades K through 12; programs for college prep; general academic, and vocational/skill development. Cooperative school programs with the Division of Blind Services and St. Johns County School District.
Professional Training: In-service training program; tuition waivers to state universities; internship/practicum placement for student teachers in specific or general education areas.
Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; large print books; braille books and magazines; recorded magazines; access to regional talking book library, magnification copier; closed circuit television; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Residential: Girls' and boys' elementary dormitories; multihandicapped dormitory; high school dormitories designed to enhance daily living skills progressively. Independent living apartments for high school students. Sequential dormitory curriculum covering toileting/personal hygiene, grooming/dressing; eating skills/food preparation; housekeeping skills/clothing care; health and safety; family life/interpersonal relationships; social and emotional skills/etiquette; indoor/outdoor recreation; leisure time activities; money management/time skills; calendar/telephone skills; career awareness/work habits and attitudes.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; activities of daily living; orientation/mobility; braille; typing; individual and group counseling; listening skills; use of video magnification and other low vision aids; remedial education.
Recreational: Afterschool recreation programs; active and leisure activities; arts and crafts; individual and team activities; clubs and hobby groups; swimming and wrestling teams; cheerleaders; scouting.
Employment: Pre-vocational/vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational work-study program; cooperative career planning with Division of Blind Services-Vocational Rehabilitation.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Debbie School/Mailman Center for Child Development
1601 N.W. 12th Avenue
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 547-6961
Mimi A. Graham, Principal

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313, private donations, state funds.
Staff: 15 full time, 16 part time, uses volunteers. Has advisory board.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: Dade County and city of Miami.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available by consultation or referral. Provides neonatal, psychosocial, and educational intervention.
Educational: Provides direct instruction in all developmental areas. Home- and center-based programs for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and non-handicapped children, 0-5 years.

Division of Blind Services, Florida Department of Education
2540 Executive Center West
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(904) 488-1330
Donald H. Wedewer, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Gifts and donations, state funds, Title XX funds.
Staff: Social workers, rehabilitation teachers. Has advisory board.
History/Date: Est. 1941.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling. Visual and other health services referred to children's medical services or other agencies.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling, with referrals to other facilities as needed.
Educational: Provides direct instruction. Home- and center-based programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.
Preschools: Co-sponsors with Florida Lions Club twice yearly Camp Achievement, a preschool camp for the visually handicapped and their parents.

For Local Offices, see individual listings under Rehabilitation Services, State Services.

Homebound/Hospital Program
47 Zamora Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 445-5188
Michael Exelbert, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Public school program for visually handicapped, hearing impaired, and deaf-blind infants.
Staff: 4 full time (teacher of visually handicapped children).
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: Dade County.
Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling, genetic counseling.
Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Home-based. Provides instruction in all developmental areas; immunizations available on referral.

Visually Impaired Program/Hillsborough County Schools
2704 Highland Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 228-0121
Dr. Raymond Shelton, Superintendent

Staff: 10 full time, 1 orientation/mobility instructor.
Area Served: Hillsborough County.
Age Requirements: K-12th grade.

Educational: Itinerant, resource room and special class placements for visually impaired students, K-12, with or without other impairments. Provides instruction in daily living skills, orientation/mobility, academic instruction, listening skills, specialized skills (braille, Nemeth Code).
Computer Training: Access to computers adapted for visually impaired. Variety of support services available on referral.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Altrusa Braille Group
2803 East DeSoto Street
Pensacola, FL 32503
(904) 438-2009
Mary M. Garner, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, braille for blind mothers.

Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Escambia County School District
5405 Lillian Highway
Pensacola, FL 35206
(904) 432-6121
Martha Stokes, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Exceptional Student Education
2757 West Pensacola Street
Tallahassee, FL 32312
(904) 488-5266
Beverley Blanton, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, worksheets.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Handicapped
5002 North Lois Avenue
Tampa, FL 33614
(813) 876-5016 OR Toll-free in Florida (1-800) 282-9193
Suzanne Dalton, Supervisor

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.
Mission: Provides assistance in assessment of materials and specialized apparatuses, organizes volunteers (statewide) for material production.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Florida.

Operates clearinghouse depository and production center for braille, large print, and recorded texts.

Palm Beach County Schools
3323 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33402
(305) 684-5126
Raymond P. Neubert, Area Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Pinellas Braille Group, Inc.
1001 77th Avenue North, Apartment 209
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
(813) 576-6346
Lillian C. Wyllie, Braille Co-Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Pinellas County Schools
1015 10th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(813) 823-6696
Noreen Murphy, Resource Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind
1106 West Platt Street
Tampa, FL 33606
(813) 251-2407
C. E. Olstrom, Executive Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Temple Sisterhood Braille Group
5665 Hillman Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32244
(904) 771-4989
Shirley M. Williams, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Volunteer Braille and Recording Services, Inc.
501 Georgia Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
(305) 832-2618
Betty Day, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Florida State University
Visual Disabilities
College of Education
Tallahassee, FL 32306
Dr. Gideon Jones, Visually Handicapped, (904) 644-4880
Purvis Ponder, Orientation and Mobility, (904) 644-4880-1-2

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the multihandicapped and teachers of the visually handicapped; Master's programs for orientation and mobility specialists and for dual competency teachers of the visually handicapped/orientation and mobility.

Information Services

RADIO READING

WLRN-FM School Board of Dade County Florida (R)
172 N.E. 15th Street
Miami, FL 33132
(305) 350-3920
Paula Revene, Radio Reading Service Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-12:10 PM; 3:30 PM-5:00 PM; 6:30 PM-9:30 PM. Duplicates main channel all other hours 6:00 AM-9:30 PM. Reading service carried on main channel Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-10:00 AM.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Area Served: Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Receivers distributed: 400; Estimated listenership: 400 SCA, 10,000 main.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WLRN-FM, Miami, 91.3, SCA, NPR.

WSFP Radio Reading Service
The University of South Florida
AOC 103
Tampa, FL 33620
(813) 974-4193
Elizabeth Willson Young, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 11:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-11:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: Fort Myers and 60-mile radius from the city.

Receivers distributed: 700; Estimated listenership: 1,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WSFP-FM, Fort Myers, 90.1, SCA, NPR.

WUSF Radio Reading Service (R)
The University of South Florida
AOC 103
Tampa, FL 33620
(813) 974-4193
Elizabeth Willson Young, Manager

Hours of Operation: Daily.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: Tampa and 60-mile radius from the city.

Receivers distributed: 4,000; Estimated listenership: 4,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WUSF-FM, Tampa, 89.7, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Storer Cable, Dunedin, TV Audio, Group W Cable, Tampa, TV Audio Channel 25.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Florida Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 2299
Daytona Beach, FL 32015
(904) 254-3824 OR Toll-free in Florida (1-800) 342-5627
Donald John Weber, Director

Type of Agency: A bureau of the State of Florida Department of Education, Division of Blind Services.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Florida.

Computer Training: Access.

Regional library providing talking books, braille books, cassettes, play-back machines, research and reference.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, Central Florida Chapter
22 West Lake Beauty Drive, Suite 203A
Orlando, FL 32806
(305) 425-7002
Margaret Dormady, Chapter Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, Northeast Florida Chapter
3722 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32207-3814
(904) 398-8879
Mary Durden, Chapter Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, Sarasota-Manatee Chapter
3920 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL 33583
(813) 922-3693
Phyllis Blazer, Chapter Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, South Florida Chapter
7210 South Red Road, Suite 211
South Miami, FL 33143
(305) 661-2123
Constance Frankenberg, Chapter Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, Volusia County Chapter
105 Country Club Drive
Ormond Beach, FL 32074
(904) 677-7578
Janet W. Hardesty, Chapter Chairperson

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, West Coast Chapter
4511 North Himes Avenue, Suite 140
Tampa, FL 33614
(813) 874-2015
Alexander Mitchell, Chapter Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
5801 Red Road
Coral Gables, FL 33143
(305) 666-0552

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Central Florida Chapter
110 Stonepost Road
Longwood, FL 32779
(305) 788-0700
Brenda Schoonover, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Dade-Broward Chapter
3703 N.E. 166th Street
North Miami Beach, FL 33160
(305) 947-3875
Bill Edell, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
North Florida Chapter
8459 San Clements Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904) 731-3905
Adele Burton, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Ormond Beach Volunteer Information Resource Center
3 Ellsworth Avenue
Ormond Beach, FL 32074
(904) 677-2870
Gladys B. Holton, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Tampa Bay Chapter
1901 Meridel Avenue
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 977-1300
Mike O'Brien, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Association of Certified Orthoptists

Bible Alliance, Inc.

Braille Revival League

Gospel Association for the Blind, Inc.

Physicians Education Network

Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Blind Services, Florida Department of Education
2540 Executive Center West
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(904) 488-1330
Donald H. Wedewer, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; other multiply handicapped.
Staff: 320 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1941.
Eligibility: Legally blind; pathology or injury threatening loss of vision in one or both eyes.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Contracts and refers for all health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Remedial education.
Professional Training: Sensory training; internship/ fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; rehabilitation teaching. In-service and short-term or summer training open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; orientation/mobility; contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for all rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job training; vocational placement; vending facility training. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up service.

Local Offices:
Bradenton: 6815 14th Street West, Bradenton, FL 33507 (813) 753-5619.
Coca: Division of Blind Services, 870 North Coca Boulevard, Coca, FL 32922 (305) 631-0353.
Daytona Beach: Division of Blind Services, 1185 Dunn Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32014 (904) 252-4722.
Daytona Beach: Division of Blind Services, Florida Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped., Platt at Willis, P.O. Box 2299, Daytona Beach, FL 32014 (904) 252-4722; toll free (1-800) 342-5627.
Daytona Beach: Manderfield Industrial Training Laboratory, 401 Platt Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32014 (904) 252-4722.
Daytona Beach: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 1111 Willis Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32014 (904) 252-4722.
Fort Lauderdale: Division of Blind Services, 3075 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 211, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 (305) 485-8000.
Fort Myers: Division of Blind Services, 2133 Winkler Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901 (813) 936-4050.
Gainesville: Division of Blind Services, 417 S.W. 8th Street, Gainesville, FL 32301 (904) 372-4219.
Jacksonville: Division of Blind Services, 4057 Carmichael Avenue, Suite 215, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 359-6352.

Miami: Division of Blind Services, 401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Room 440, Miami, FL 33128 (305) 377-5339.
Orlando: Division of Blind Services, 400 West Robinson Street, Suite 102, Orlando, FL 32801 (305) 423-6305.
Panama City: Division of Blind Services, 330 West 23rd Street, Suite C, Panama City, FL 32405 (904) 769-0357.
Pensacola: Division of Blind Services, 7200 North 9th Avenue, Suite A-11, Pensacola, FL 32504 (904) 484-5030.
St. Augustine: Division of Blind Services, P.O. Box 69, St. Augustine, FL 32085-0069 (904) 824-4750.
St. Petersburg: Division of Blind Services, 525 Mirror Lake Drive, Room 337, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 (813) 893-2341.
Tallahassee: Division of Blind Services, 2009 Apallachee Parkway, Oakland Building, Room 290, Tallahassee, FL 32301 (904) 488-8400.
Tampa: Division of Blind Services, 415 South Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 272-3220.
West Palm Beach: Division of Blind Services, Palm Beach County Regional Service Center, 111 Georgia Avenue, 1st Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (305) 837-5026.

REHABILITATION

Broward Center for the Blind

650 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
(305) 463-4217
Sheila B. Johns, M.S., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled blind; mentally retarded blind.
Funded By: United Way; state Division of Blind Services and county funds; donations.
Budget: 1986: $350,000.
Staff: 9 full time, 8 part time; uses volunteers in the Center and in field.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 781.
Eligibility: Legally blind or impending blindness within 5 years.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, and couple counseling; training placement; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Vocational/skill development for emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; blind.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training.
Reading: Book selection service; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; summer youth program.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for other recreational/leisure services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up.

Center for Independence, Training and Education at Valencia Community College

215 East New Hampshire
Orlando, FL 32804
(305) 869-3177
Mara Schlosser, Program Director

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled.
Staff: 7 full time, 7 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Eligibility: Legal blindness; must be able to attend four half days per week.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultations to other agencies.
Educational: Program for adult continuing education.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training. Program open to enrollment from other agencies. Internship/fieldwork in rehabilitation counseling.
Reading: Lends talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book tapes and records; braille books; large print books; braille and recorded magazines.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation, handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; refers to other employment services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision aids and devices; low vision clinic.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up service.

Conklin Center for Multihandicapped Blind, Inc.

405 White Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32014
(904) 258-3441
Edward F. McCoy, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; and clients with cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, orthopedic involvements, behavioral disorders.
Funded By: Purchase of service agreement, donations.
Budget: 1985-86: $780,000.
Staff: 32 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Eligibility: Legally blind with secondary handicap; current audiological and psychological exam.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 12 years of age or older.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, family counseling. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; and clients with cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, orthopedic involvements, behavioral disorders, mental retardation. Programs for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.
Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on request.
Residential: Dormitory, on-site and off-site apartments for adult multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; adult continuing education; bowling, swimming, track.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up service.

Florida Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc. (Miami Lighthouse)

601 S.W. 8th Avenue
Miami, FL 33130
(305) 856-2288
Vernon Metcalf, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees, contributions.
Budget: 1987: $991,514.
Staff: 30 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 316.
Eligibility: Severe visual problem interfering with lifestyle.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; anyone on evaluation basis. Programs: adult continuing education; personal adjustment training.
Professional Training: Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; regular in-service training programs. Open to enrollment from other agencies. Paraprofessional training with staff serving as adjunct professors at Miami Dade Community College.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille and other languages.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training. "Store" outlet sells aids and appliances.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly; joint programs with City of Miami/Dade County Parks and Recreation.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; provides consultation for and refers to other agencies for employment-oriented services.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up service.

Independence for the Blind, Inc.
307 East 7th Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(904) 681-6835
Pinkney C. Seale, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Independent living services.
Funded By: United Fund, donations, state contracts, earned income.
Budget: 1986: $231,140.
Staff: 11, plus volunteers for clerical work, narrators and monitors.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Legally blind; desire to improve independent living skills.

Health: Treatment of eye conditions; refers for all other types of medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; counseling for individual/group/couples; placement for schooling, nursing, community services.
Educational: Adult continuing education; college prep; vocational/skill development.
Reading: Book selection services; information and referrals; tape recording as requested; also has Optacon, closed circuit television, talking computers.
Rehabilitation: Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility, on- and off-site.
Recreational: Hobby groups; special programs for the elderly; referrals.
Employment: Career/skill counseling; occupational skill development; refers for placement.
Computer Training: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Sells, lends, rents.
Publications: Annual report and brochures in print, braille, and cassette format.

Independent Living for Adult Blind (ILAB)
c/o Florida Community College at Jacksonville
101 West State Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 633-8220
Debra Truitt, Director

Funded By: Title XX and city funds.
Staff: 4 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Eligibility: Legal or total blindness; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Area Served: Duval County.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group and family counseling; referral service.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; communications skills; home management. Instruction provided as non-college credit curriculum.
Computer Training: Access.

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches
7810 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
(305) 586-5600
William S. Thompson, Executive Director
Dawn Clemons, Director, Rehabilitation Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Staff: 25 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1946.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: On individual or group basis.
Educational: Five-week summer education/recreational program for visually impaired and blind children ages 6-12.
Preschools: Comprehensive, full-time preschool program for blind and visually impaired, multiply handicapped children from infancy to age 3.
Rehabilitation: Training for vocational clients and those 55 years and older, in daily living; personal management; communications skills; orientation/mobility. Provides information and referral service.
Employment: Work evaluation; pre-vocational training, including personal adjustment and orientation/mobility skills; job development; job placement. Sheltered industrial workshop provides permanent, full-time employment for adults in manufacturing or textile products and other areas.

Pinellas Center for the Visually Impaired, Inc.
1610 North Myrtle Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33515
(813) 461-4006 OR (813) 443-7247
Laura W. Collyer, Executive Director
Sarah B. Wood, Director of Programs

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Staff: 17 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1956.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 1,143.
Eligibility: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Diabetes, medicine, and nutrition classes. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family, and parent counseling. Referrals made to other counseling/social work services when appropriate.
Educational: Regular in-service program; public

education program including films, demonstrations, and speakers.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; recreational therapy; social work; special education; gerontology. In-service programs open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book tapes and records; braille books; braille magazines. Has talking book record player and cassette player; has Visualtek (VTEK) machines; tape recording services on request. KIDS Program: early intervention and training to develop skills in blind and visually impaired children; family oriented; parent education and counseling.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; abacus; braille; typing; handwriting; home management; listening skills; sensory training; home economics. Services provided at Center and in the home. Orientation/mobility and functional low vision evaluations and training in the use of remaining vision in activities of daily living. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Training offered in all areas of recreation. Focus on learning skills at the Center and using the skills in the home and in existing community programs.
Employment: Vocational services usually coordinated with local office of the Division of Blind Services.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic; low vision aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up.

Skill Center for Independent Living

Pensacola Junior College
1000 College Boulevard
Pensacola, FL 32504
(804) 476-5410, ext. 1145
Peggy Morrison, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind.
Staff: 5 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Eligibility: Legally blind; referral through Division of Blind Services.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers to other health services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; those with wheelchairs. Programs for adult continuing education.
Professional Training: Orientation/mobility.
Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and recorded magazines. Lends braille and large print books. Transcription to braille.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly. Refers for other recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Employment: Refers for employment services.
Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids and devices.

Suncoast Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

128 West Main Street, Suite 200
New Port Richey, FL 34291-0486
(813) 845-3770
Charles F. Jackson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Comprehensive rehabilitation.
Funded By: United Way, Board of County Supervisors, Division of Blind Services.
Budget: 1985-86: $149,000.
Staff: 10; uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Legally blind; mentally/physically able to benefit from services.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling for individuals/groups; refers for school/training placement and community services.
Professional Training: In-service training programs for human services. Short-term/summer classes, open enrollment from other agencies.
Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts/crafts; hobby groups; programs for elderly; bowling.
Employment: Occupational skill development; consultant to other agencies for vocational placement.
Low Vision: Refers to low vision clinics and services.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

1106 West Platt Street
Tampa, FL 33606
(813) 251-2407
C. E. Olstrom, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: State of Florida, purchase of services agreement, workshop sales, United Way, contributions.
Budget: 1986: $1,868,872.
Staff: 26 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1940.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 268.
Eligibility: Sponsorship by Division of Blind Services, adults only; totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired and multiply handicapped blind.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; counseling; individual, group, family/parent, couple; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; and gerontology.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; kitchen skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Refers for electronic mobility aids. Center-based and community-based instruction.
Recreational: Recreation therapy; arts and crafts; exercise; yoga; swimming; bowling.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; on-the-job training program; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.
Low Vision: Screening; optometric examination; training in use of special aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Available.

Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida, Inc.

35 West Mariana Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
(813) 977-7797
Marian M. Geiger, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: State grant, county contract, United Way, community funding, private contributions.
Budget: 1986: $215,250.
Staff: 8 full time, 7 parttime. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: Southwest Florida.

Health: Recreational therapy. Refers and contracts for other health services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement; regular in-service program. Public education program, including films, demonstrations and speakers.
Reading: Lends talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Book selection service; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on request; Optacon; closed circuit television.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; typing; handwriting; remedial education; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Services provided at the Center and in the home. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Special interest events; speakers and activities; trips; bowling; square dancing. Evening and weekend programs.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic providing screening, examination, and training.
Low Vision Aids: Spectacles and low vision aids and devices.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Division of Blind Services/Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

111 Willis Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32014
(904) 252-4722
Greg Luther, Supervisor

Computer Training: 2 full-time instructors; training duration: 6 months.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Southeast Guide Dogs, Inc.

4210 77th Street East
Palmetto, FL 33561
(813) 729-5665
Mike Sargent, Trainer

Funded By: Private donations, business groups, foundations.
Budget: 1986: $218,000.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
Staff: 13 full time, 3 part time, plus volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Eligibility: Blind; good physical health; financial competence to care for a dog.
Area Served: Sunbelt.
Age Requirements: 17 years or older.

Health: Refers clients with medical problems.
Reading: Talking book records/tapes; large print books; braille/recorded magazines; tape recording services on demand. Reading aid - VISITECH.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; follow-up services/with graduate in home or office area.
Publications: Newsletter printed twice a year.

Low Vision Centers

Florida Society of Ophthalmology
8333 North Davis Highway
Pensacola, FL 32504
(905) 478-4121
Michael R. Redmond, M.D., President

Florida Optometric Association
P.O. Box 13429
Tallahassee, FL 32317
(904) 877-4697
Mark Landreth

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute/Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital
900 N.W. 17th Street
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 326-6136

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Optometrists; low vision technician.
Eligibility: Ophthalmology referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as necessary, generally 2 weeks follow-up recommended on loaned aids.

Further information: Dr. Charles J. Pappas, Coordinator of Optometric Services.

CITE (Center for Independence, Training and Education) Low Vision Screening and Education Clinic
215 East New Hampshire Street
Orlando, FL 32804
(305) 896-3177
Carol Cohen, Co-director
Steve Obremski, Co-director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Federal funds, donations.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 7:30 AM-12 noon.
Staff: Audiologist; counselor; low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; special educator; recreation programmer.
Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological or optometry report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; on-site, in-home or office training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Sue Mendiburo, Orientation and Mobility Specialist/Low Vision Technician.

Halifax Hospital Medical Center Eye Clinic
Clyde Morris Boulevard
P.O. Box 1990
Daytona Beach, FL 32014
(904) 254-4103
James W. Clower, M.D.

Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.—Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; orthoptist.
Eligibility: Referred by an ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Immediate, and as needed.

Further information: Margaret Davis, Orthopist.

HealthCare Education and Research Foundation Low Vision Clinic of Broward County
2601 East Oakland Park Boulevard
Suite #202
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
(305) 561-1914
Scott Gariner, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants, state funds/ Division of Blind Services.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Area Served: South Florida (primarily Broward and Palm Beach counties).

Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase, prescribed/fitted.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

Hope Haven Children's Clinic/Low Vision Clinic
5720-1 Atlantic Boulevard
P.O. Box 17607
Jacksonville, FL 32216
(904) 725-4646
Julian D. Newman, O.D., Director
Ginny Graves, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Eligibility: All ages, children and adults; generally visual acuity of 20/70 or less; opthalmological exam within the last year.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Comprehensive low vision examination.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription of low vision aids, glasses and optical aids; training in the use of visual aids.

Financial assistance available to children.

University of Florida/Eye Center, Low Vision Service, College of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology
Box J-394, JHMHC
Gainesville, FL 32610
(904) 392-2841 OR (904) 392-3111
G. M. Hope, Ph.D., Director, Low Vision Services

Funded By: Client fees, state government.
Hours of Operation: Mon. AM; Tues. as needed.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmic assistant/ technician.
Eligibility: Referrals.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies.

Further information: G. M. Hope.

University of South Florida Medical Center Department of Ophthalmology
12901 North 30th Street
Box 21
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 974-4115 OR Toll-free in Florida (1-800) 282-8122
Nina L. Luxenberg, O.D., F.A.A.O., Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, state government.
Hours of Operation: One day a month by appointment.
Staff: Optometrist; low vision assistant; social worker.
Eligibility: Referrals only.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access and demonstrations available.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Veterans Administration Hospital/Low Vision Service, Eye Clinic
1300 North 30th Street
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 971-4500, ext. 177

Funded By: Federal government.
Hours of Operation: 2 days per month, by appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: Veteran; referral only.

Low Vision Aids: On loan for trial purposes; no rental charges; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

GEORGIA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Georgia State Department of Education
Program for Exceptional Children
1970 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, GA 30334-5040
(404) 656-6317
Joan A. Jordan, Ed. D., Director, Program for Exceptional Children, (404) 656-2425
Isabella C. Holmes, Coordinator, Physical Handicaps
Ron Colarusso, Director of Special Education, Georgia State University, Urban Life Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 658-2310
Rae Ann Redman, Consultant, Preschool Handicapped, (404) 656-2426

Mission: Provides consultation on educational services for local schools.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1951.
Area Served: Georgia.
Purchases and distributes braille and large type books and materials.
Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

SCHOOLS

Georgia Academy for the Blind
2895 Vineville Avenue
Macon, GA 31204
(912) 751-6083
Richard E. Hyer, Jr., Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State and federal funding.
Budget: 1986: $3.3 million.
Staff: 132 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1852.
Eligibility: Resident of Georgia; legally blind or legally blind-multihandicapped; mentally handicapped; hearing impaired.

Health: Spectacles or low vision aids or devices. General medical services; occupational and physical therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling; placement in school. Provides consultation to other agencies. Refers to community services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Accepts the visually impaired and visually impaired-multihandicapped student. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation.
Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; book selection services; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Residential: Dormitories are available for students.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; softball; indoor games; cheerleading; intramural sports; scouting.
Employment: Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation; career counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement. Refers for non-competitive settings through rehabilitation services.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Atlanta Braille Volunteers
3450 Evans Road, #133D
Atlanta, GA 30341
(404) 938-2541
Edna La Sauce, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, menus, legal.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

DeKalb County Schools
385 Glendale Road
Scottdale, GA 30079
(404) 292-7272
Pat Carpenter, Coordinator, Visually Impaired and Orthopedically Handicapped Program

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Georgia Academy for the Blind
2895 Vineville Avenue
Macon, GA 31204
(912) 751-6083
Richard E. Hyer, Jr., Superintendent

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Georgia Division of Rehabilitation Services
878 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 894-6670
Wayne Sanders, Program Specialist for the Blind

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Georgia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1050 Murphy Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30310
(404) 656-2465
Jim DeJarnatt, Regional Librarian-Consultant

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

NEGA CESA
375 Winter Street
Winterville, GA 30683
(404) 542-7675
Charles Lyndol Cain, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Roosevelt WS Rehabilitation Institute
P.O. Box 1000
Warm Springs, GA 31830
(404) 655-3321
Ellies Moran, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Talking Book Center
435 North Lumphin Street
Athens, GA 30601
(404) 354-2625
Janet Wright, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious, general.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of Georgia
Aderhold Hall, Room 413
Athens, GA 30602
(404) 542-2597

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs in rehabilitation education.

Further information: Jack M. Sink.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Central Savannah River Area Radio Reading Service, Inc. (I)
c/o WACG-FM, Augusta College
2500 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 39010
(404) 828-7302 OR 738-8597
Nancy Fominaya, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: 40-mile radius from Augusta.

Receivers Distributed: Not Applicable; Estimated Listenership: 2,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WACG-FM, Augusta, 90.7, Main, NC.

Coastal Area Radio Reading Service, Inc.
701-A Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31401

(912) 234-4848
Brandy Jones, Chairman

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Government grants, private foundations, community service organizations.
Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM.
Staff: 3 and volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1986.

Georgia Radio Reading Service, Inc. (I)
1580 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 873-3930
Jim Cashin, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: On cable: 24 hours daily. On SCA: Mon.-Fri. 2:30 PM-9:00 AM during school year; 24 hours daily all other times.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: Atlanta metropolitan area: 100 miles to the south; 70 miles to the north and west; 30 miles to the east.

Receivers Distributed: 950; Estimated Listenership: 5,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WABE-FM, Atlanta, 90.1, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Cable Atlanta, TV audio channel 11; Cable East Point/College Park, TV audio channel 2; on FM SCA or various systems in Rome, Macon, Warner Robbins, LaGrange and others.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

American Foundation for the Blind Southeast Regional Center
100 Peachtree Street, Suite 213
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 525-2303

See American Foundation for the Blind in national listings.

Georgia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Department of Education
1050 Murphy Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30310
(404) 656-2465
Jim DeJarnatt, Regional Librarian-Consultant

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1933.
Area Served: Georgia.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large type books, cassettes, taped books, talking book machines, and cassette machines. Coordinates talking book centers in 13 public libraries. Has volunteer reading program; reader service available.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

Georgia Society to Prevent Blindness, Inc.
2025 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309-1401
(404) 355-0182
Annette Saga, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
120 Florida Avenue
Athens, GA 30605
(404) 549-1313

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

See also in national listings:
National Organization for the Rights of Guide Dogs

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Georgia Division of Rehabilitation Services
878 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 894-6670
Thomas R. Gaines, Director
Wayne Sanders, Program Specialist, Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.

Employment: Vocational counseling, vocational training, vocational placement, related services.

Local Offices:

Albany: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 212 West Oglethorpe Boulevard, P.O. Box 1606, Albany, GA 31702 (912) 439-4170.
Americus: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 402 North Jackson, P.O. Box 845, Americus, GA 31709 (912) 928-1320.

Athens: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 3670 Atlanta Highway, P.O. Box 5300, Athens, GA 30604 (404) 542-6586.
Atlanta: Georgia Industries for the Blind, 1050 Murphy Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30310 (404) 656-3653.
Atlanta: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 878 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309 (404) 894-3995.
Augusta: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 1727 Wrightsboro Road, P.O. Box 3956, Augusta, GA 30904 (404) 737-1808.
Bainbridge: Georgia Industries for the Blind, Faceville Highway, P.O. Box 218, Bainbridge, GA 31717 (912) 246-5653.
Bainbridge: Office of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 1159, Bainbridge, GA 31717 (912) 246-6050.
Brunswick: Office of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 1756, Gateway Building, 1609 Newcastle Street, Brunswick, GA 31521 (912) 264-7287.
Carrolton: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 116 1/2 Rome Street, Carrolton, GA 30117 (404) 834-1202.
Clarksville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, Green Building, P.O. Box 395, Clarksville, GA 30523 (404) 754-6215.
Columbus: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 233 12th Street, Suite 700, P.O. Box 2863, Columbus, GA 31994 (404) 571-7402.
Dalton: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2523A Chatsworth Road, Dalton, GA 30720 (404) 272-2303.
Decatur: Office of Rehabilitation Services, New First National Bank Building, Room 255, 315 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030 (404) 656-2014.
Dublin: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 507 Academy Avenue, P.O. Box 158, Dublin, GA 31021 (912) 272-6700.
Gainesville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 440 Enota Drive, S.W., P.O. Box 658, Gainesville, GA 30503 (404) 532-5468.
Griffin: Georgia Industries for the Blind, P.O. Box 98, Griffin, GA 30224 (404) 228-7221.
Griffin: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 231-C South 10th Street, Griffin, GA 30223 (404) 228-7210.
Macon: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 707 Pine Street, Suite One, P.O. Box 6117, Macon, GA 31208 (912) 744-6000.
Marietta: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2136 Kingston Court, S.E., Marietta, GA 30067 (404) 952-2110.
Milledgeville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 120 West Green Street, P.O. Box 389, Milledgeville, GA 31061 (912) 453-4781.
Newnan: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 72 Greenville Street, P.O. Box 218, Newnan, GA 30264 (404) 253-3912.
Rome: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 404 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 2644, Rome, GA 30161 (404) 295-6400.
Savannah: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 420 Mall Boulevard, P.O. Box 14350, Savannah, GA 31406 (912) 356-2126.
Thomasville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 402 South Pinestreet Boulevard, P.O. Box 1378, Thomasville, GA 31799 (912) 228-2320.
Valdosta: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 1810 North Ashley Street, P.O. Box 2275, Valdosta, GA 31601 (912) 333-5248.
Waycross: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2311 Knight Avenue, P.O. Box 2026, Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 285-6078.

REHABILITATION

Center for the Visually Impaired

763 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 875-9011
Carolyn Kokenge, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: United Way, public funds, fees and foundation grants.
Staff: 28 full time, 2 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Eligibility: Legally blind or severely visually impaired.

Health: Low vision clinic and training services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services; individual and family counseling.
Educational: Remedial education; high school equivalency.
Reading: Reader services; tape recording on request; information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; community-based rehabilitation program for the elderly and homebound blind.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; pre-vocational training; work adjustment program; job development and placement.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Optacon and sensory aids training.

Georgia Industries for the Blind

Faceville Highway
P.O. Box 218
Bainbridge, GA 31717
(912) 246-5655
Clayton Penhallegon, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Sales of products.
Staff: 30 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Eligibility: Legally blind. Under 18 must be cleared by school superintendent. Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind clients.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for counseling/social work.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts, hobby groups. Contracts for other recreational services.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Local Offices:

Atlanta: Georgia Industries for the Blind, 59 Ormond Street, Atlanta, GA 30315 (404) 656-3862.
Griffin: Georgia Industries for the Blind, Emlet Drive, Griffin, GA 30223 (404) 288-7221.
Savannah: Georgia Industries for the Blind, 100 Aberdeen Street, P.O. Box 3672, Savannah, GA 31414 (912) 944-2530.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

1775 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033
(404) 325-3630
Marlene Lague, Executive Director

Mission: Provides eye examinations, eye treatments, eye surgery, eyeglasses, and hearing aids to needy residents of Georgia. Also provides information and referral.
Funded By: Contributions from the Lions Clubs of the state of Georgia, public donations, memorial contributions.
History/Date: Inc. 1949.

Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc.

101 West Broad Street
P.O. Box 1178
Savannah, GA 31402
(912) 354-6611
Robert A. Lapsley, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically and emotionally disabled.
Funded By: Fees.
Staff: 9 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1965.
Eligibility: 16 years or older; able to care for self; physical exam.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services; refers for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes.
Rehabilitation: Typing; refers for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; refers for vending stand training.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults/Southeastern Region Office

1001 Virginia Avenue, Suite 320
Atlanta, GA 30354
(404) 766-9625 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc.

64 Jasper Street
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 236-4473
W. Chandler Simmons, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Federal block grants, Chatham County, United Way, private donations.
Budget: 1986: $265,000.
Staff: 10 full time, 4 part time.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 97.
Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired, 6 years or older.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services; refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; regular in-service training program.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; gardening. Refers for residential summer camp.
Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up.

Veterans Administration Medical Center Rehabilitation Research and Development Unit
1670 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033
(404) 321-5828
Franklin Coombs, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Conducts applied research to identify the needs of blind and visually impaired persons; develops and tests effectiveness of new devices and techniques in rehabilitation. Focus is on research in aging and mobility.
Staff: 30 full time, including engineers, computer scientists, mobility specialists, and rehabilitation researchers.

Low Vision Centers

Georgia Society of Ophthalmology
500 Irvin Court
Decatur, GA 30030
(404) 292-2500
J. Donald Fite, M.D., President

Georgia Optometric Association
P.O. Box 36313
Decatur, GA 30032
(404) 296-3130
Linda G. Edmonds

Central Low Vision Rehabilitation Center/Chandler General Hospital
5354 Reynolds Street
401 Professional Building
Savannah, GA 31405-6098
(912) 356-6342
W. W. Buckhaults, M.D., Medical Director

Funded By: Donations and client fees.
Hours of Operation: Tues. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; sold at cost.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: Helen B. Cook, Rehabilitation Services, (912) 356-6168.

Eye Clinic/Grady Memorial Hospital
80 Butler Street, S.E.
Atlanta, GA 30335
(404) 589-4671
Jonathan Smith, Unit Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, by appointment only.
Area Served: All Fulton and Dekalb County residents.

Low Vision Follow-up: As appropriate.

Further information: Jonathan Smith, Unit Manager.

Maxwell Low Vision Clinic/Center for the Visually Impaired
763 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 875-9011
Carolyn Kokenge, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Division of Rehabilitation Services, United Way, grants and client fees.
Hours of Operation: Low vision clinic: Thurs. and Fri. 8:30 AM-1:00 PM; low vision training: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; social worker; low vision rehabilitation specialist. Other rehabilitation personnel available within the agency.
Eligibility: Functional visual impairment; ophthalmological report no more than one year old.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access, training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Training and return appointments scheduled as needed.

Further information: Larry Rhodes, Director.
For service: Debra Ashe, Intake Social Worker.

Medical College of Georgia/Low Vision Clinic
Department of Ophthalmology
School of Medicine
Augusta, GA 30912-2206
(404) 828-2791
Malcolm N. Luxenberg, Chairman

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30-5:00; low vision-alternate Wed. AM.
Staff: Ophthalmologists; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic technologist; occupational therapist; mobility specialist.
Eligibility: Recent ophthalmological examination with

report and referral or an exam in the Medical College clinic.
Area Served: Georgia and South Carolina primarily; no restriction on referrals.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

VEF Educational and Diagnostic Center/Low Vision Clinic

2030 Pernoshal Court
Atlanta, GA 30338
(404) 452-8181
Paul C. Ajamian, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-6:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry students/residents.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Refundable return deposit for trial period; sold at cost; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Dr. Ajamian.

GUAM

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Guam Department of Education
P.O. Box DE
Agana, GU 96910
011+(671) 472-8901
Gloria B. Nelson, Director

Mission: Provides special classes and mobility instruction for totally blind, partially sighted, deaf, and hard of hearing students at the Guam School for the Deaf and the Blind. Has academic and pre-vocational programs for partially sighted students.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Guam.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Guam Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
254 Martyr Street
Agana, GU 96910
011+(671) 472-6417
Magdalena Taitano, Territorial Librarian

Mission: Subregional library of the Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Serves as sublending agency for machines; circulates cassette books.
Area Served: Guam and the Mariannas Islands.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Guam Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
GCIC Building, 9th Floor
414 West Soledad Avenue
Agana, GU 96910
011+(671) 472-8806
Lourdes P. Camacho, State Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1958.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation.
Rehabilitation: Personal management.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; pre-vocational training; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

REHABILITATION

Guam Rehabilitation and Workshop Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 2113
Agana, GU 96910
011+(671) 646-4884-6
Pedro S. Guerrero, Rehabilitation Workshop Administrator

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: Public funds, workshop sales, subcontracts, fees and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1959.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Referral services.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; communications.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service.

HAWAII

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Hawaii Department of Education
Honolulu District Office
4697 Kilauea Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 737-5694
Fay K. Ikei, District Educational Specialist, Special Education

Mission: Provides special materials and consultation for local schools through the district office. Offers psychological testing and evaluation. Maintains resource room centers in Honolulu District schools. Provides itinerant teacher services to the schools in Oahu.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1914.
Area Served: Hawaii.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Leatrice Chee, Department of Education, 4967 Kilauea Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816, (808) 548-2307.

SCHOOLS

Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind
3440 Leahi Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 734-0297
Santiago Agcaoili, Principal
Miles Kawatachi, Special Needs Branch Director, (808) 737-3720

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1914.

Educational: Teaches braille and other special skills blind children need to function in public schools.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Hawaii Department of Education
4697 Kilauea Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 737-0620
Francis Hatanaka, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: None specified.

Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
402 Kapahulu Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 732-7767
Lydia Ranger, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
402 Kapahulu Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 732-7767
Lydia Ranger, Director

Type of Agency: A division of the Hawaii State Public Library System.
Mission: Provides library advisory service to state-supported residential institutions.
Funded By: Public funds and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Area Served: Hawaii and U.S. Pacific Islands.

Regional library providing braille, disks, cassettes and large type books; inkprint books about various handicaps; transcribing services in braille, large type and tape. Serves as machine lending agency. Serves other handicapped persons requiring audio-visual materials.

Subregional library in Guam.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Hawaii Volunteer Information Resource Center
45-573 Awanene Way
Kanoehe, HI 96744
(808) 247-0970
Caroline Lim, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Hawaii Department of Human Services
Services for the Blind Branch
1901 Bachelot Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 548-7408
Mrs. Jane Egi, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Federal and state grants.
Staff: 28 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1935.
Eligibility: Visual handicap that interferes with ability to function personally, socially, vocationally. Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, blind learning disabled and mentally retarded.

Health: Low vision clinic or service; low vision aids. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy, mobility.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; occupational therapy; orientation/mobility skills; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

Local Offices:

Hilo: Hawaii Branch, 75 Aupuni, Hilo, HI 96720 (808) 961-7331.
Lihue: Kauai Branch, P.O. Box 1028, Lihue, HI 96766 (808) 245-4333.
Wailuku: Maui Branch, P.O. Box RRR, Wailuku, HI 96793 (808) 244-4291.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Eye of the Pacific Guide Dogs and Mobility Services, Inc.
747 Amana Street #407
Honolulu, HI 96814
(808) 941-1088

Mission: Supplies dog guides and electronic mobility aids to the blind.
Funded By: United Funds and service organizations.
History/Date: Est. 1955 and Inc. 1957.
Eligibility: Candidates must be evaluated by Ho'opono (Hawaii State Services for the Visually Impaired) and have a doctor's endorsement.
Area Served: Hawaii and other Pacific regions.

Low Vision Centers

Hawaii Ophthalmological Society
1300 Lusitana Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 528-5333
Shigemi Sugiki, M.D., President

Hawaii Optometric Association
1946 Young Street, Suite 460
Honolulu, HI 96826
(808) 949-3313
Jan Hirakawa, O.D.

Low Vision Clinic/Ho'opono Center for the Blind
1901 Bachelot Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 548-6361
Allan R. Kunimoto, M.D., Staff Ophthalmologist
Harry Terada, O.D., Optometrist

Funded By: State funds.
Hours of Operation: Wed. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; social worker; ophthalmologist; refers as needed for services of orientation/mobility instructor, rehabilitation teacher, rehabilitation counselor, vocational rehabilitation teachers.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By home visit 1st or 2nd month; phone interviews are conducted in 2 or 3 months.

Further information: Mrs. Jane Egi, Administrator.

IDAHO

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Idaho State Department of Education
650 West State Street
Boise, ID 83720
(208) 334-3940
Jerry L. Evans, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Martha Noffginger, Special Education Supervisor

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Idaho.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind
1450 Main Street
Gooding, ID 83330
(208) 934-4457
James Rainier, Superintendent
George M. Hoyle, Director of Residential Education

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Counseling, vocational evaluation, orientation/mobility, residential services. Audiological and special pathology services.
Physical Facility: School provides dormitory living situations and transportation to and from home on weekends. Daily busing program available for day students within 50 mile radius of the school.
Staff: 135 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1906.
Eligibility: Visually and/or hearing handicapped, deaf-blind or multihandicapped.

Educational: Academic programs for children, pre-school through high school; career-oriented vocational program for non-academic students; home bound preschool program. Itinerant instructions for students attending public school programs.
Professional Training: Professional internships in special education or related fields.
Reading: Media center for providing braille, large print, other aids.
Recreational: Recreational specialist coordinates after-school activities. Extra curricular activities provided: soccer, basketball, swimming, volley ball, track, gym, group activities.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind
1450 Main Street
Gooding, ID 83330
(208) 934-4457
James Rainier, Superintendent
Ron Darcy, Regional Director

Type of Agency: Residential school.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and state funds.
Staff: 19 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers and foster grandparents. Various therapists available as consultants. Has advisory board for overall program, including a parent member.
History/Date: Est. 1906.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants.
Area Served: State of Idaho.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Home-based programs and consultant services to other programs. Perceptual development and parent counseling available on consultant or referral basis.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Visually handicapped and multihandicapped classes for 3-5 year olds.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Boise Public Schools
1207 Fort Street
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 338-3655
Mike Anderson, Consultant

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Idaho State Library
325 West State Street
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 334-2150
Evva L. Larson, Director, Blind and Physically Handicapped Library Services

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind
1450 Main Street
Gooding, ID 83330
Ron Darcy, Regional Director/Media Supervisor

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Idaho Radio Reading Service (L)
341 West Washington
Boise, ID 83720
(208) 334-3220
William Poppleton, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-11:00 AM; 7:00 PM-9:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: Treasure Valley and southwest area of Idaho, plus a small portion of eastern Oregon.

Receivers Distributed: 250; Estimated Listenership: 400.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KQFC-FM, Boise, 97.7, SCA, C.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Idaho State Library
325 West State Street
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 334-2150 OR Toll-free in Idaho 1-(800)-233-4931
Evva L. Larson, Director, Blind and Physically Handicapped Library Services

Lending library for Idaho and distributor of talking book machines for the blind and physically handicapped.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Idaho Commission for the Blind
341 West Washington
Boise, ID 83720
(208) 334-3220
Howard H. Barton, Jr., Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind.
Funded By: State appropriated funds, federal matching funds.
Staff: 29 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1967.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, family/parent, couple counseling.
Professional Training: Regular in-service, short-term or summer training open for enrollment to other agencies in subjects requested by agencies.
Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.
Residential: Orientation and adjustment center for adults.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management; cane travel; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Job training and placement.
Recreational: Refers for recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement; vending stand training; on-the-job training.

Local Offices:

Coeur d'Alene: Coeur d'Alene Regional Office, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 (208) 667-8494.
Pocatello: Pocatello Regional Office, Pocatello, ID 83201 (208) 233-7171.
Lewiston: Lewiston Regional Office, Lewiston, ID 83501 (208) 746-3241, ext. 298.

Low Vision Centers

Idaho Society of Ophthalmology
1814 Lincoln Way
Coeur d' Alene, ID 83814
David A. Wold, M.D., President

Idaho Optometric Association, Inc.
1016 East Locust
Emmett, ID 83617
(208) 365-2417
Mrs. Ruth Hetherington

ILLINOIS

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Illinois State Board of Education
Department of Specialized Educational Services
100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777
(217) 782-6601
James T. Meeks, Deaf/Blind and Vision Coordinator
Joseph Fisher, Assistant Superintendent
Jonah Deppe, Early Intervention State Plan Coordinator

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides adapted materials. Offers reader services as needed. Cooperates with the Illinois State Board of Education Program Service Teams in offering technical assistance to local programs.
Funded By: Public funds. Administers supplemental state and federal funds.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped students in local schools and residential schools.
Area Served: Illinois.

SCHOOLS

Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093
(312) 446-8111
Dr. Robert J. Winn, President

Funded By: Contributions, endowment, Lions Clubs, and grants.
History/Date: Est. 1920 and Inc. 1922.
Area Served: Worldwide.

Educational: Provides academic and vocational education through free correspondence courses in braille reading and writing, elementary school from fifth grade, high school courses (accredited by Accrediting Commission of National Home Study Council and North Central Association of Colleges and Schools), college courses on an individual request basis in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin and other universities, Bible study, and a number of vocational and avocational subjects. Offers courses for the parents of blind children, as well as microcomputers and sensory aids.

Through 8 district offices through the world, teaches English as a second language. In cooperation with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, provides complete services to Canadian blind persons. Public education program includes speakers' bureau and film.

Hope School for Blind Multiple Handicapped
50 Hazel Lane
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 786-3350
Stan Nelson, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically handicapped.
Funded By: Fees, private contributions.
Budget: 1985: $2,500,000.
Staff: 130 full time, 20 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1957.
Eligibility: Non-ambulatory, ambulatory, controlled seizures.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 2-21 years.

Health: General medical services. Contracts for other eye health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, couple counseling; placement in school.
Educational: Non-graded.
Professional Training: Internship/supervised fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service/short term training programs.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; information and referral system.
Residential: 108 dormitory beds for children, adults, multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential and summer day camps; swimming.
Employment: Contracts for sheltered workshops.

Illinois Deaf-Blind Service Center and School
818 DuPage Boulevard
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
(312) 790-2474
Christine D. Dorsey, C.A.S., Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for deaf-blind.
Staff: 63 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Number of Clients Served: 1987: 27.
Eligibility: Auditory and visual impairment.

Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Refers for and contracts for other medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: School and training placement. Refers and contracts for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Pre-vocational; daily living skills.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Cassette tape player; large print books; information and referral; transcription to braille.
Residential: Dormitory.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; residential summer camp; swimming; track. Evening and weekend programs.
Low Vision Follow-up: Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 245-4101
Richard G. Umsted, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for visually impaired, deaf-blind, multihandicapped blind.
Staff: 140 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1848.

Health: Evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; braille; large print books; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille.
Residential: Dormitories.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; music; drama; track; wrestling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.
Low Vision: Services.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription of spectacles or aids.
Low Vision Follow-up: Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability, or Gloria Calovini, Department of Specialized Educational Services, Illinois State Board of Education, 100 North First Street (E223), Springfield, IL 62777 (217) 782-6601.

Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA)

105 Sage Street
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-2900
William H. Ott, Director

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, state funds, and local district funds.
Staff: 10 full time (teachers of visually handicapped children and dually certified teachers), 2 part time for total program. Uses foster grandmother volunteers. Has governing board for all programs, including parent members. Therapists available on referral.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Area Served: Kendall, Grundy, Iroquois, Kanakakee, LaSalle, Putnam, and Will counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams; genetic counseling; various health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Itinerant vision program in schools and private agencies. Has center-based program with home component for visually handicapped/multi-handicapped infants, 0-3 years; home teaching, mobility, and consultant services to other programs for preschoolers.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind/Eleanor Palmer Development Center

1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331

Linda E. Giovacchini, Director of Children's Program

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Preschool program supported by tuition from local school boards. Infant program funded by United Way and Department of Mental Health grants.
Staff: 21 full time, 5 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1969.
Area Served: Chicago area.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision exams; occupational, physical, communication therapy; medical consultation available.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; psychiatric consultation available; referrals to other agencies.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; orientation/mobility.

Preschool program serves 3-5 year olds in multihandicapped classroom. Infant program serves 0-3 year olds at home.
Approved as non-public education facility for handicapped children by State of Illinois.

DuPage/West Cook Regional Special Education Association

1 South 331 Grace Street
Lombard, IL 60148
(312) 629-7272
Wendell Jones, Director
Joan Marie Lacey, Consultant, Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: P.L. 94-142 monies and state funds.
Staff: 13 full time (early childhood/teachers of visually handicapped children, orientation/mobility, therapists); uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1970.
Area Served: DuPage and western Cook counties.
Transportation: Available for children older than 3 years.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; social work services.
Educational: Provides direct instruction in all developmental areas.
Low Vision: Exams available on referral basis.

Center-based with home component for visually handicapped with or without other handicaps, 0-3 years. Classes for visually handicapped, multi-handicapped, resource rooms, and consultant services to other programs for 3-5 years. Itinerant vision services to public schools.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 245-4101
Richard G. Umsted, Superintendent
Henry Aldridge, Social Services Supervisor

Type of Agency: Residential school.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies and state funds.
Staff: 136 full time for total program. Has advisory board, including parent members.
History/Date: Est. 1849.
Area Served: Entire state.

Consultant, evaluation and referral services for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and deaf-blind children, 0-5 years, provided on request to parents and other programs.

LICA-NSSEO Infant Vision Program

201 South Evanston
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
(312) 398-3210
Dr. Pamela Gillet, Superintendent/Director, NSSEO
Terri Mertz, LICA-NSSEO Vision Coordinator

Type of Agency: Intermediate education program.
Mission: Services for visually handicapped children with or without other impairments.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, private donations, and state funds.
Staff: 2 full time (teacher of visually handicapped children), 1 part time, variety of other staff available for consultation. Has advisory board, including parent members.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Various health services available on referral.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent education groups, parent support groups, and parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas, speech/language and communication.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; daily living skills; physical therapy; occupational therapy.

Home-based program with center component for 0-3 year olds; multihandicapped and non-categorical classes for 3-5 year olds. Infant and multihandicapped vision clinic provided weekly by optometrist.

South Metropolitan Association Homewood-Flossmoor North High School

800 Governors Highway
P.O. Box 460
Flossmoor, IL 60422
(312) 957-7100
Robert van Dyke, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Cooperative education agency serving 55 school districts in south suburban Chicago.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142, state funds, as well as tuition.
Staff: Occupational/speech; physical therapist; psychologists; orientation/mobility specialist available as consultant; uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Handicapped, severely handicapped.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Center-based programs for all low-incidence handicaps, with or without additional problems. Multihandicapped class; consultant services to other programs.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Braille Transcribers Club of Illinois
7240 North Overhill
Chicago, IL 60648
(312) 774-6638
Martha E. Williams, President and Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Central Blind Rehabilitation Center/Veterans Administration Medical Center
Building 13 (124)
Hines, IL 60141
(312) 343-7200
Barbara J. Hofmann, Supervisor, Living Skills

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Notes, learning aids.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Guild for the Blind
180 North Michigan, Suite 1720
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 236-8569
William F. Lynch, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093
(312) 446-8111
Dr. Robert J. Winn, President

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Horizons for the Blind
7001 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60626
(312) 973-7600
Camille Vogel, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Supplied in printed and braille forms with and without a charge.

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
P.O. Box 1587
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 785-3887
Thomas Hanson, Administrator

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Illinois Instructional Materials Center
444 West Reynolds
Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 525-3300
Alice M. Post, Manager

This unit coordinates, catalogues, standardizes, produces, stores, and distributes educational materials needed by visually handicapped children and adults. Provides access to Echo II voice synthesizer and VersaBraille.

Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1055 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 738-9210
James Pletz, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired
658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 245-4101
Richard G. Umsted, Superintendent

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Johanna Bureau for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
30 West Washington Street
Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 332-6076
Edith Weiner, Chairman of Board of Governors

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

LICA-NSSEO Vision West
201 South Evanston
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
(312) 398-3210
Kathy Appleby Knoll, Vision Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed with and without a charge.

Naperville Transcribers for the Blind
670 North Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540
(312) 420-1863
Gloria K. Buntrock, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 753-0657

Groups Served: College students.
Types/Content: Tests.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Peoria Blind People's Center
2905 West Garden Street
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 637-3693
Orville L. Sauder, Executive Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Regional Educational Service Agency
105 Sage Street
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-2900
Deborah Starkey-Faynik, Coordinator, Visually Impaired Programs

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Rehabilitation Education Center
1207 South Oak
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-4604
Janet M. Floyd, Supervisor

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Southern Illinois University
Rehabilitation Institute
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 536-7704
Louis Vieceli, Associate Professor

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Illinois State University
University Laboratory Schools, Elementary/Secondary Programs for the Visually Handicapped
321 East Fairchild Hall
Normal, IL 61761
Dr. Karen Anderson, (309) 438-2753

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and multihandicapped.

Northern Illinois University
Department of Learning, Development, and Special Education
DeKalb, IL 60115
Judy Matsuoka, Rehabilitation Teaching, (815) 753-8456
Dr. Gaylen Kapperman, Visually Handicapped, (815) 753-8453
Dr. Toni Heinze, Visually Handicapped/Rural, (815) 753-8452
Kati Houts, Orientation and Mobility, (815) 753-8455

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped, for rehabilitation teachers of adult blind, and for orientation and mobility.

Southern Illinois University
Rehabilitation Institute
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 536-7704
Louis Vieceli, Associate Professor

Special short course in job development and placement for employed rehabilitation professionals in agencies for the blind. Offered three times a year at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Chicagoland Radio Information Service, Inc. (I)
425 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 1146
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 645-9800
David Andrews, General Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon. 6:00 AM-Sun. 11:00 PM (24 hours a day, seven days a week, except late Sunday evening into early Monday morning).
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: Chicago Metropolitan area.

Receivers Distributed: 2,800; Estimated Listenership: 4,500-5,000.
Transmission(s) Originate From: WBEZ-FM, Chicago, 91.5, SCA, NPR.

Illinois Radio Reader (R)
59 East Armory
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-6503
Steve Hutson, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-12:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 8:00 AM-11:00 PM; local programming presented 11:00 AM-11:00 PM weekdays, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM weekends. Contact the reading service for exact schedule.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: 80-mile radius from Monticello, Illinois (transmitter site).

Receivers Distributed: 275; Estimated Listenership: 450.
Transmission(s) Orginate From: Armory Street Studios via WILL-TV, Urbana, 209.75 mHz, SCA, PBS, NPR, In-Touch affiliate.

Northern Illinois Radio Information Services WNIU-FM (R)
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 753-0212
Jill Gerdeman, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-10:30 AM; Sat. 9:00 AM -2:30 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: 50-mile radius from DeKalb in northern Illinois.

Receivers Distributed: 300; Estimated Listenership: 400.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WNIU-FM, DeKalb, 89.5, SCA, NPR.

Radio Information Service (C)
Wabash Valley College
2200 College Drive
Mt. Carmel, IL 62963
(618) 262-8641, ext. 253
Glenda Raber, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: 45-mile radius from Carmel, including portions of Indiana.

Receivers Distributed: 230; Estimated Listenership: 450.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WVJC-FM, Mt. Carmel, 89, SCA, NC.

Radio Information Service for Blind and Handicapped (O)
9500 West Illinois
Route 15
Belleville, IL 62223
(618) 397-6700 (in St. Louis area, 314-241-3400)
Joseph E. Kasperek, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 8:00 AM-8:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: Greater St. Louis metropolitan area.

Receivers Distributed: 3,000; Estimated Listenership: 3,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WMRY-FM, Belleville, 101.1, SCA, NC.

Radio Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped of West Central Illinois
Western Illinois University
504 Memorial Hall
Macomb, IL 61455
(309) 298-2403
Joyce Becker, Manager

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day. Local programming: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-7:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 8:00 AM-5:30 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: An approximate 55-mile radius from Macomb, Illinois.

Receivers Distributed: 495; Estimated Listenership: 750.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WIUM-FM, Macomb, 91.3, SCA, NC; Signal rebroadcast from: WWQC, Quincy, SCA, NC.
Cable: Continental Cable Vision, Quincy, FM SCA; Northwest Illinois TV Cable Co., Calesburge, FM, SCA; Bley Cable Co., Beardstown, FM, SCA.

WCBU Radio Information Service (R/L)
107 N.E. Monroe
Peoria, IL 61602
(309) 672-8577
Frank Thomas, General Manager
Margaret Sutherland, Volunteer Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-3:00 AM; Sat.-Sun. 7:30 AM-12:00 midnight.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: 40-mile radius from Peoria.

Receivers Distributed: 300; Estimated Listenership: 400.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WCBU-FM, Peoria, 89.9, SCA, NPR.

WSSR-FM Print Handicapped Service, WSSR-FM
Sangamon State University
Springfield, IL 62794-9243
(217) 786-6516
Trish Kearney, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-12:00 AM; Sat. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sun. 10:00 AM-1:30 PM, 4:30 PM-6:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: 40-mile radius from Springfield, Illinois.

Receivers Distributed: 312; Estimated Listenership: 400-450.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WSSR-FM, Springfield, 91.9, SCA, NPR, In-Touch Network.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Guild for the Blind
180 North Michigan
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 236-8569
William F. Lynch, Director

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: Contributions.
Staff: 8 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1947.
Area Served: No geographical limitations.

Reading: Braille, tape, and cassette books, self-help series on topics such as cooking and crafts in braille and large print; special job-related requests for large

print, braille or cassettes filled; information and referral services. Special phone line for sales information and TV listings.

Merchandise Service Program: sells canes, clocks, watches, recreation items, stands, and other low vision items.

Johanna Bureau for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
30 West Washington Street
Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 332-6076
Edith Weiner, Chairman of Board of Governors

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for blind and physically handicapped.
Staff: 1 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1924.

Reading: Transcription to braille and tape recording services on request. Transcriptions of textbooks, work-related material, and materials on such topics as hobbies, homemaking, recreation.
Employment: Prepares materials for employed blind.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

American Foundation for the Blind
Midwest Regional Center
20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 269-0095

See American Foundation for the Blind in national listings.

Chicago Public Library/Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1055 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 738-9210
James Pletz, Director

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1893.
Area Served: Illinois.

Regional library providing braille, talking books, and cassettes.
For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness
175 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 922-8710
Edgar T. Britton, Executive Director

Promotes eye health/safety via public/professional education programs.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
500 East Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(312) 843-2020 OR (1-800) 221-3004

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings. Local and affiliate offices are listed in their respective states.

Recording for the Blind
University of Illinois Rehabilitation Education Center
1207 South Oak Street
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-4610

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
36 South Wabash Avenue
Room 1107
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 236-8715

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
University of Chicago, Hinds Building
Room 59-B, 5734 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637
(312) 288-7077

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
North Central College
30 North Brainard Street
Naperville, IL 60540
(312) 420-0722

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
LaGrange Road and 143rd Street
Orland Park, IL 60462
(312) 349-9356

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
708 Oak Street
P.O. Box 204
Winnetka, IL 60093
(312) 446-3338

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Chicago Chapter
1011 South Waiola
LaGrange, IL 60525
(312) 354-8108
Ann Rasch, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Blind Skiing Foundation

American Society for Contemporary Ophthalmology

Dialogue Publications, Inc.

Knights Templar, Grand Encampment USA

Lions Clubs International

National Council of Private Agencies for the Blind

National Easter Seals Society

National Eye and Health Foundation (Ophthalmology)

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
General Administration
622 Washington Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 782-2093
Susan S. Suter, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1920.
Eligibility: One of the following: Adults who have a severe visual impairment and require assistance in adjusting to their loss of vision; persons below age 60 whose disability places them in danger of long-term institutionalization and for whom the cost of home services would be reasonably related to the cost of institutional care (need not have a vocational goal); severely disabled school-age children and youths (blind, deaf, and/or orthopedically disabled) who would benefit from a residential school setting and who cannot be served appropriately by local resources.

Rehabilitation: Directly provides rehabilitation counseling, guidance, some testing, job placement services, rehabilitation teaching and orientation/mobility instruction in a community-based or residential setting. Other necessary services are purchased in hole or in part (depending upon similar benefits and other resources) by the Department.

Local Offices:

Aurora: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1700 North Farnsworth, Suite 12, Aurora, IL 60505 (312) 851-7275.
Belleville: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 601 South High Street, Belleville, IL 62220 (618) 235-5300.
Carbondale: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1400 West Main Street, Suite 8, Carbondale, IL 62902 (618) 457-2107.
Champaign: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 33 East Springfield Avenue, Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 333-5707.
Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 100 West Randolph, Suite 8-100, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 917-2925.
Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 8840 South Stoney Island, Chicago, IL 60617 (312) 768-6700.
Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 5015 West Lawrence, Chicago, IL 60630 (312) 282-7600.
Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 6445 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645 (312) 761-9550.
Chicago: Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute, 1151 South Wood Street, Chicago, IL 60612 (312) 996-1508.
Chicago: Illinois Visually Handicapped Services, 3556 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 650-4664.
Chicago Heights: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 100 First National Plaza, Room 500, Chicago Heights, IL 60411 (312) 756-0470.
Decatur: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1065 West Pershing Road, Decatur, IL 62526 (217) 875-4866.
Downers Grove: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 2901 Finley Road, Suite 109, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (312) 495-0500.

Evergreen Park: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 9730 South Western Avenue, Room 604, Evergreen Park, IL 60642 (312) 857-2378.
Granite City: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3675 Nameoki Road, Granite City, IL 62040 (618) 244-0331.
Jacksonville: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 658 East State Street, Building #5, Jacksonville, IL 62650 (217) 245-9585.
Mt. Prospect: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1050 Prospect Plaza, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 (312) 253-6200.
Mt. Vernon: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 4 Doctor Park Road, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 (618) 244-0331.
Peoria: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3719 N. E. Madison, Peoria, IL 61614 (309) 686-6016.
Rockford: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3809 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108 (815) 987-7390.
Rock Island: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 4711 44th Street, Suite #3, Rock Island, IL 61201 (309) 786-4953 or 786-6468.
Springfield: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 330 South Grand Avenue, West, Springfield, IL 62704 (217) 782-4830.

REHABILITATION

Blind Service Association, Inc.
22 West Monroe
11th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603-2501
(312) 236-0808
Beatrice Fredman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, multiply handicapped, deaf-blind.
Funded By: Income from Capital Funds, dues, contributions, bequests.
Staff: 3 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1924.
Eligibility: Legal blindness or reading disability.

Health: Refers for diagnosis and evaluation of eye health.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for individual counseling. Provides consultation to other agencies for student consumer problems.
Reading: Tape recording of college textbooks, professional and business material; one-to-one reading services in organization's office, consumers' offices (Senior citizens' homes subject to volunteer availability).
Recreational: Subsidizes summer day camp.
Low Vision: Non-medical low vision service.

Blinded Veterans Association
536 South Clark
Chicago, IL 60680
(312) 353-1740
Arthur Matthews, Jr., Field Service Officer

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Volunteer service program for veterans. Residential/non-residential programs, day/evening.
Staff: 2.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Eligibility: Veteran of the military.
Area Served: Chicago.

Health: Refers for diagnosis/evaluation/treatment/prescription of eye aids.
Low Vision: Refers to clinics and services.

Central Blind Rehabilitation Center/Veterans Administration Medical Center
Hines, IL 60141
(312) 343-7200
J. J. Whitehead, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the central portion of the country.
History/Date: Est. 1948.

Referral applications by Veterans Administration Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center.
For a description of services offered, see Veterans Administration in Federal Agencies listings.

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind
1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331
Milton J. Samuelson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded and others.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, grants, workshop sales, capital income, legacies and bequests, rehabilitation training fees.
Staff: 115 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1906.

Eligibility: Visually impaired. Does not accept persons with uncontrolled seizures.
Transportation: Arranged for multihandicapped, visually impaired.

Health: Evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Limited psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded. Programs: birth-3 program, preschool, vocational skill development, high school equivalency.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision, rehabilitation counseling, special education. In-service training programs. Short-term or summer training. Programs open to enrollment from other agencies.
Rehabilitation: Handwriting; typing; video magnifier; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; square dancing; skiing. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; rehabilitation workshop; vocational placement; business skills training program. Follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Training available, with focus on employment applications of computer and other sensory aids.
Low Vision: Clinic.
Low Vision Aids: Aids equipment lending program.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
North Central Region Office
35 East Wacker Drive
Suite 1278
Chicago, IL 60601-2109
(312) 726-2090 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Home of the Association of Jewish Blind
3525 West Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625
(312) 478-7040
Fred I. Oskin, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.
Staff: 26 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1944.
Eligibility: Blind or legally blind.
Age Requirements: 17 years and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, family/parent, couple counseling.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.
Residential: Room and board for blind and visually handicapped 15 years of age and up. Must be ambulatory and continent.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; special programs for elderly.

Mary Bryant Home for the Blind
2960 Stanton
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 529-1611
Frances J. Trees, Administrator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for legally blind.
Funded By: Dues and donations.
Staff: 18 full time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Legally blind; able to care for self.
Age Requirements: 18 years and up.

Professional Training: Regular in-service programs.
Residential: Shelter care for adults, elderly.
Recreational: Bowling; swimming; goal ball.

Peoriarea Blind People's Center, Inc.
2905 West Garden Street
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 637-3693
Charlotte W. Burnett, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for visually handicapped of central Illinois.
Funded By: Special events, contributions, United Way, grants, capital income, legacies and bequests, activity fees.
Staff: 3 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1956.

Transportation: Provided for clients in metropolitan area.

Health: Nutrition class.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Needs assessment; individual and family counseling; support network; peer counseling; information and referral service to other agencies.
Reading: Parent education; braille; handwriting skills; braille and large print materials; library and radio reader services.
Rehabilitation: Referral services and consultation to other agencies; volunteer opportunities for clients.

Program for Visually Impaired Seniors

Catholic Charities
657 East Court Street
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1921
Deborah Dodt, Director of Senior Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, individual contributions.
Staff: 1 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Eligibility: Vision loss resulting in difficulty performing daily tasks.
Age Requirements: 60 years and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; handwriting; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Low Vision Aids: Lends aids and low vision devices.

Rehabilitation-Education Center (Services for Visually/Hearing Impaired)

University of Illinois
Oak Street at Stadium Drive
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-4604
Joseph R. Larsen, Director
Janet Floyd, Supervisor

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; clients with other perceptual difficulties.
Funded By: Private contributions, Campus Chest, and earnings.
Staff: Professionals in physical therapy, recreation, athletics, counseling, and sensory impairment. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1947.

Health: Medical unit within facilities.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Referral services; casework; group work; and psychological testing.
Educational: Post-high school.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Bowling; swimming; horseback riding.
Computer Training: Access. Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Centers

Illinois Association of Ophthalmology

95 Trade Street
Aurora, IL 60505
(312) 820-1300
Bernard B. Gawne, Jr., M.D., President

Illinois Optometric Association

1301 West 22nd Street, Suite 308
Oak Brook, IL 60521
(312) 573-8012
Patricia A. Jordan, C.A.E.

Center for Visual Rehabilitation

219 East Cole Avenue
Wheaton, IL 60187
(312) 690-7115
R. Tracy Williams, Director, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants, private donations.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.
Staff: 2 full time, 6 part time counselors, low vision assistants, optometrist, optometry students.
History/Date: Est. 1985.
Eligibility: Doctor or rehabilitation referral only; current ophthalmology report.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group and family counseling.
Professional Training: Supervision/training programs in gerontology, low vision, optometry, social work.
Reading: Large print books.

Rehabilitation: Provides counseling for activities of daily living.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Prescribed/fitted for purchase; refundable deposit; trial period.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

Central Illinois Agency for the Visually Impaired
Downtown YMCA
301 N.E. Jefferson Street, Suite 411
Peoria, IL 61602
(309) 674-4001
Richard Kern, O.D.
Orville L. Sauder, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, grants and donations.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Physical Facility: Clinic low vision evaluations at Saint Francis Medical Center on selected dates by appointment.
Staff: Optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; low vision assistant; registered nurse; optician.
Area Served: All of central Illinois without geographic restriction.
Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and provided for purchase; provided on loan for trial use at no charge (limited on-site training provided; limited in-home training provided).
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient; phone interviews routinely; return appointments and home visits if necessary.

Further information: Orville L. Sauder, Executive Director.

Central Blind Rehabilitation Center
Veterans Administration Medical Center
Hines, IL 60141
(312) 343-7200, ext. 2275
J. J. Whitehead, Director

Funded By: Federal government.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.
Eligibility: Legally blind veterans only; ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no fee charged; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview and questionnaire in 3 months; occasionally by return appointment; home visit after 9 months and visit to place of employment.

Further information: J. J. Whitehead.

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind
1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331
A. A. Rosenbloom, O.D.
Gerald Fishman, M.D.
Tracy Williams, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri., hours vary.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry student/resident; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; special educator; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: Prior ophthalmological exam.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview in 6 months and return appointment at that time by patient's request; 2-year review questionnaire.

Further information: James Kesteloot, Director of Professional Services.

Eye Clinic, Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Children's Plaza
Chicago, IL 60614
(312) 880-4532
Mark Greenwald, Head, Division of Ophthalmology

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 12:30 PM-5:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM-12 noon. By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician; ophthalmologist; optician; social worker; genetic counselor; audiologist.
Area Served: Chicago metropolitan area.
Age Requirements: Under 16 years.

Illinois College of Optometry Eye Institute
3241 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616
(312) 225-6200
Derrald G. Taylor, O.D., Chief, Vision Rehabilitation Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Optometrist; special educator; rehabilitation counselor; ophthalmologist; optician; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; psychologist/counselor.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Full variety of low vision services provided; aids available for trial purposes; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By telephone or in person.

Further information: Dr. Taylor.

Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute
1151 South Wood Street
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 996-1508
Derrald Taylor, O.D.

Type of Agency: Part of Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Blind Services.
Funded By: State.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. afternoon.
Staff: Optometrist; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility specialist.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: Illinois.

Loyola University Medical Center, Department of Ophthalmology
2160 South First Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153
(312) 531-3408
James E. McDonald, M.D., Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Medical school.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for loan and/or purchase.

Further information: Lawrence S. Evans, M.D., Ph.D.

Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center Department of Ophthalmology, Low Vision Aid Clinic
500 East 29th Street
Chicago, IL 60616
(312) 791-2769 OR 791-2588
J. Terry Ernest, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Tues. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology assistant/resident; optometrist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Further information: Sandra Goldberg.

Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation
222 East Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 908-8150
Michael J. Giese, Director, Low Vision

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, private donations.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmology resident/assistant; optometrist; optician.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loaned at no cost; can be purchased; prescribed; fitted.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center Low Vision Clinic
1725 West Harrison
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 942-5315
William Deutsch, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees, state funds, public aid.
Staff: Audiologist; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist; social worker.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase; prescribed.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

University of Illinois Medical Center
Low Vision Service
1855 West Taylor Street
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 996-5410
Timothy McMahon, O.D., Chief, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Additional hours when necessary.
Staff: Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic resident; ophthalmic technician; optometrist. Refers to audiologist; genetic counselor; occupational therapist; ophthalmologist; optician; orthopist; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; recreation programmer; vocational evaluator.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial at no charge; provided by purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Mitchel Hansen, Coordinator, Low Vision Service.

Vernon C. Voltz Low Vision Clinic of the Center for Sight and Hearing Impaired
625 Adams Street
Rockford, IL 61107
(815) 965-6023
Robert C. Hammarstrom, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Tues., Thurs. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and other hours as needed.
Staff: Registered nurses on staff; audiologist; low vision assistant; ophthalmologist.
Eligibility: Referral only; current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Rehabilitation: Service through Department of Rehabilitation Services.
Computer Training: Access and training available.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

Veterans Administration Westside Medical Center
820 South Damen
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 666-6500
Thomas R. Stelmack, O.D., Chief Optometry Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Federal funds.
Physical Facility: VICTORS: 5 day inpatient program.
Staff: Audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; ophthalmologist; optometrist. One person trained in orientation and mobility and low vision training functions as low vision training specialist.
Eligibility: Veterans.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social worker, psychologist available.
Computer Training: Computer access provided.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: On loan/prescriptions at no charge.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

INDIANA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

State of Indiana Department of Education
Division of Special Education
Room 229, State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 269-9462
Harold H. Negley, Superintendent
Arthur Bennett, Consultant
John Mefford, Chairman, Special Education
Jane Schoolaert, Elementary Education Department

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers supplemental state aid for visually handicapped children in local public schools. Provides consultation on educational programs. Maintains lending library of braille and large type textbooks.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1947.
Area Served: Indiana.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area, or Arthur Bennett at the above address.

SCHOOLS

Indiana School for the Blind
7725 North College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 253-1481
Durward A. Hutchinson, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1847.

Health: General medical, psychiatric, neurological, physical therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services. Psychological testing.
Educational: Preschool through 12th grade. Programs for general academic study, vocational/skill development.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home economics; independent living.
Recreational: Afterschool programs in bowling, swimming, wrestling, track, cheerleading, scouting, intramural sports, forensics, community activities.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Allen County League for the Blind, Sight Center
5800 Fairfield Avenue, Suite 210
Fort Wayne, IN 46807
(219) 745-5491
Janice K. Hattendorf, Executive Director
David K. McCallister, Rehabilitation Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Federal grant and agency funds.
Staff: 3 part time, uses volunteers; various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Has advisory board for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: Allen County and surrounding adjacent counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Genetic counseling, low vision and ophthalmology exams available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.
Publications: Parents' VIP Newsletter.

Center-based programs with home component and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped, developmentally delayed infants, 0-3 years; home teaching; consultant services to other programs; summer classes for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, developmentally delayed children, 3-5 years.

Gary Community Public Schools Corporation
Lew Wallace Building, Suite B122
415 West 45th Avenue
Gary, IN 46408
(219) 980-6305
Bashir A. Masoodi, Special Education Coordinator

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program, private donations, P.L. 94-142, state funds, and local property taxes.
Staff: 12 full time (dually certified teachers and teachers of visually handicapped children), 3 part time; various specialists available as consultants. Has advisory board (parent members) for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: Gary School District and nearby communities.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for genetic counseling, immunizations. Blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Bilingual instruction; home teaching; visually handicapped and multiply handicapped classes; resource rooms; itinerant program for preschool children, 3-5 years.
Reading: Provides textbooks, educational materials in braille, large print, and cassette tapes.

Consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants, 0-3 years.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Gary Public Schools
415 West 45th Avenue
Gary, IN 46408
(219) 980-6305
Bashir A. Masoodi, Special Education Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Central Indiana Radio Reading, Inc. (I)
Box 110
Butler University
Indianapolis, IN 46208
(317) 283-6352
David K. Harold, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-12:15 PM, 4:00 PM-7:30 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: 35-40-mile radius from Indianapolis.

Receivers Distributed: 500; Estimated Listenership: 600.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WAJC-FM, 104.5, SCA, NPR.

North Eastern Indiana Radio Reading Service, Inc. (NEIRRS) (I)
920 Florence Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
(219) 422-8230
Peg Lehrman, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: Northeastern Indiana and small portion of northwestern Ohio.

Receivers Distributed: 400; Estimated Listenership: 500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WBCL-FM, Fort Wayne, 80.3, SCA, NC.

Trade Winds Radio Reading Service (P)
1800 East 35th Avenue
Gary, IN 46409
(219) 882-5678
Steven M. Haas, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 4:00 PM-8:00 PM; reading service on main channel part of the day.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: 30-mile radius from Gary, plus the cities of Hammond and East Chicago, Munster, Highland, Griffith, Lowell, and Cedar Lake; portions of rural Lake and Porter counties; and the Illinois communities of Glenwood and Lynnwood by cable.

Receivers Distributed: 410; Estimated Listenership: 550.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WGVE-FM, Gary, 88.7, SCA, NC.
Cable: United Cable of Northern Indiana, Hammond, FM 89.3 mHz; U.S. Cable Corporation, FM 104.7 mHz.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Indiana Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Talking Book Service c/o Indiana School for the Blind
7725 North College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 253-1481, ext. 53

Distributor of talking book machines.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Indiana Society to Prevent Blindness
1425 East 86th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240-1996
(317) 259-8163
Sue Hetherington, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Indiana State Library/Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
140 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 232-3684 OR Toll-free in Indiana (1-800) 622-4970

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1905.
Area Served: Indiana.

Regional library providing talking books, braille, large type books, and cassette books on Indiana history. For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Indianapolis Chapter
P.O. Box 40565
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 259-0961
Nancy Schwendemann, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Indiana Rehabilitation Services/Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
251 North Illinois Street
P.O. Box 7083
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083
(317) 232-1433
Richelynn C. Douglas, Division Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds, workshop sales and sub-contracts.
History/Date: Est. 1915.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; low vision service and training; public education program.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services.
Reading: Talking book machine program.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up; sheltered workshops; vending stand training; home employment.

Local Offices:

Clarksville: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 1452 Vaxter Avenue, P.O. Box 2517, Clarksville, IN 47131 (812) 288-8261.
Evansville: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Evansville Area Office, 2305 West Michigan, Evansville, IN 47712 (812) 425-4545.
Fort Wayne: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Fort Wayne Area Office, 702 Commerce Building, 219 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (219) 426-9781.
Gary: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Gary Area Office, 3660 Grant, Gary, IN 46408 (219) 981-2103.
Indianapolis: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 210 Fair Building, 311 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 232-1513.
Lafayette: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Lafayette Area Office, 2211 Concord Road, Lafayette, IN 47905 (317) 474-4405.
Muncie: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 2813 North Oakwood Avenue, Muncie, IN 47304 (317) 282-1714.
South Bend: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, South Bend Area Office, 221 West Wayne Street, South Bend, IN 46601 (219) 232-4861.

REHABILITATION

Allen County League for the Blind, Sight Center
5800 Fairfield Avenue
Suite 210
Fort Wayne, IN 46807
(219) 745-5491
Janice K. Hattendorf, Executive Director
David K. McCallister, Rehabilitation Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Donations and bequests, federal grant, vocational rehabilitation contracts.
Staff: 7 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1950.
Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, print impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Information; referral; individual/family counseling; peer support/groups.
Reading: Volunteer reading services; braille transcription; large print reproduction; cassette duplication.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; low vision technology; computer technology; Optacon.

Employment: Personal adjustment; job clubs/ readiness/placement/support.
Low Vision: Provision of adaptive/low vision aids.

Association for the Disabled
Division of Services for the Visually Impaired
P.O. Box 398
Bristol, IN 46507
(219) 848-7541
James E. Grice, Executive Director
Cary Kelsey, Department Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees set by state; grants.
Budget: 1985: $200,000.
Staff: 6 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1968.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 180.
Eligibility: 20/60 or less or field restriction of 20 degrees or less.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, family/parent; couple counseling. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation teaching.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.
Residential: On-site residential services for youths and adults.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; bowling; evening activities; beep ball; goal ball.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops. Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally handicapped, orthopedically handicapped, other multiply handicapped. Programs for vocational skill development.

Local Offices:

Elkhart: Visual Impairment Services Center, 702 Williams, Elkhart, IN 46514 (219) 293-7506.

Evansville Association for the Blind, Inc.
500 Second Avenue
P.O. Box 6445
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 422-1181
Frank E. Kern, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, mentally ill.
Funded By: Fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital funds, donations, trusts.
Budget: 1987: $3,125,276.
Staff: 22 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1923.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 294.
Eligibility: Disability and need the Association can meet.

Health: Refers for some health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.
Educational: College orientation in summer program.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education music; therapy. Regular in-service training programs conducted for staffs of health care facilities.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.
Recreational: Special programs for elderly.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand evaluation.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Program for Visually Impaired Elderly
Family Service Association
Foundation Building, Room 210
615 North Alabama
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 634-6341
Jacqueline M. Jones, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis and Area Agency on Aging.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 194.
Eligibility: Resident of Marion County over 60 years of age; totally blind, legally blind.

Health: Has lending library of aids and appliances.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation;

individual and group counseling; referral to community services.
Educational: Skill development, eye diseases, related topics, information and referral.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work. Short-term training.
Reading: Braille books. Takes applications for Talking Book Division of State Library.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Special programs for elderly; training in leisure time activities; volunteer opportunities for clients.

Trade Winds Rehabilitation Center
5901 West Seventh Avenue
P.O. Box 6308
Gary, IN 46406
(219) 949-4000
Franklin M. Rosenbaum, Executive Director

Funded By: Easter Seal Society and fees.
History/Date: Est. 1946.

Reading: Radio reading and information service.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; communications; social services to individual and family.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; work adjustment; vocational placement; workshop program; vocational skills training; supported employment; follow-up services; psychological testing.

Low Vision Centers

Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology
P.O. Box 573
Vincennes, IN 47591
(812) 882-0555
Ralph W. Stewart, M.D., President

Indiana Optometric Association
511 Illinois Building
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 639-6491
Ronald W. Wuensch

Indiana University Optometry Clinic
1802 North Illinois
Indianapolis, IN 46202
(317) 274-8886
James Hunter, O.D., Director
Paul Bither, O.D., Clinical Consultant

Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry students; optometric assistant/technician.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment within 2-4 weeks.

St. Elizabeth Hospital
1501 Hartford Street
Lafayette, IN 47904
(317) 423-6269
E. L. VanBuskirk, M.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.
Staff: Audiologist; counselor; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic technician; ophthalmologist; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

IOWA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146
(515) 281-5294
William L. Lepley, Director
Nancy Brees, Administrative Secretary, Special Education Division

Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools.
Funded By: Public funds.

Health: Offers psychological testing and eye health public education program.
Educational: Provides consultation on educational programs.
Reading: Distributes braille and large type textbooks, tapes, and tape recorders.
Area Served: Iowa.

For information about local facilities, consult the Bureau of Special Education of the Department of Education.

SCHOOLS

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
1002 G Avenue
Vinton, IA 52349
(319) 472-5221
Dr. Dennis Thurman, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 3 part time; uses volunteers; various therapists and specialists available as consultants.
History/Date: Est. 1853.
Eligibility: Blind, deaf-blind and partially sighted children.
Area Served: Iowa.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; consultant services; orientation/mobility consultation.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. K through 12th grade; resource services; educational evaluations.
Reading: Large print materials; materials loan; and media services.
Employment: Transition planning; vocational work experience placements.
Computer Training: Access, training on computer aids and devices; state depository for high technology equipment and learning aids.
Low Vision: Low vision and ophthalmology exams available on consultant or referral basis; low vision clinics; state vision consultant.

Materials and consultant services to parents of visually impaired children and to the public schools.

Contact area education agency for program information.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Project FINIS (Families with Infants in Networks of Interactional Support)
210 South 12th Avenue
Marshalltown, IA 50158
(515) 752-0103
Damon L. Lamb, Director

Type of Agency: Cooperative/intermediate education.
Staff: 6 full time, 2 part time, uses volunteers. Teacher of visually handicapped children and orientation/mobility specialist available on consultant basis. Advisory board (parent members).
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants.
Area Served: Central Iowa.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-2 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas.

Center-based program with home component; consultant services to other programs.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
1002 G Avenue
Vinton, IA 52349
(319) 472-5221
Dr. Dennis Thurman, Superintendent

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319
(515) 281-5294
Nancy Brees, Administrative Secretary, Special Education Division

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Radio Reading Service for the Blind (S)
Iowa Commission for the Blind
524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 281-7999
Catherine Ford, Program Manager, Library

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 3:00 PM-6:00 PM, other hours vary.
History/Date: Est. 1970.
Area Served: Metropolitan Des Moines areas.

Estimated Listenership: Unknown.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KDPS-FM, Des Moines, 88.1, Main, NC.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Iowa Commission for the Blind Regional Library
524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 281-7999 OR Toll-free in Iowa (1-800) 362-2587
Catherine Ford, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Iowa.

Supplies talking books, records and cassettes, braille books, large type books, talking books and cassette machines.

Iowa Society to Prevent Blindness
309 Shops Building
Eighth and Walnut
Des Moines, IA 50309-2898
(515) 244-4341
Jeanne Burmeister, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Iowa Commission for the Blind
524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 281-7999 OR Toll-Free in Iowa (1-800) 362-2587
R. Creig Slayton, Director

Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 150 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1926.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral service.
Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books. Reader service.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/ mobility; industrial arts; home economics; communications; independent living; guidance and counseling; training and information.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training; home employment program.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Cedar Rapids: Commission for the Blind, 332 Higley Building, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 (319) 365-9111.
Sioux City: Commission for the Blind, 427 Francis Building, Sioux City, IA 51101 (712) 258-0293.
Waterloo: Commission for the Blind, First National Building, Suite 400, Waterloo, IA 50703 (319) 235-1403.

Low Vision Centers

Iowa Academy of Ophthalmology
2409 Towncrest Drive
Iowa City, IA 52240
Robert D. Whinery, M.D., President

Iowa Optometric Association
5721 Merle Hay Road, Suite 14A, Box #64
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 278-1697
Virgil Deering

Davenport Vision Institute of Mercy Hospital
1351 West Central Park
Suite 250
Davenport, IA 52808
(319) 383-1298
Amir I. Arbisser, M.D., Medical Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.- Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.
Staff: Audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; ophthalmologist; optometrist.
Area Served: Unlimited; primary areas: eastern Iowa and western Illinois.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counselor/social worker/vocational evaluator, psychiatrist available.
Professional Training: Low vision optometric continuing education for the Iowa Board of Optometry Examiners.
Rehabilitation: Counselors/orientation and mobility instructors available.
Recreational: Programmer/coordinator available.
Computer Training: Access and training provided through VTEK.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase; prescriptions filled.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews; mail.

Low Vision Aid Clinic/Department of Ophthalmology, University of Iowa Hospitals
Newton Road
Iowa City, IA 52242
(319) 356-2215
Edward Perkins, M.D., Associate Professor

Hours of Operation: Tues. mornings. Appointment required.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optician.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies.

Further information: Dr. Perkins.

KANSAS

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Kansas Division of Special Education
120 East Tenth Street
Topeka, KS 66612
(913) 296-4945
James E. Marshall, Director of Special Education
Howard Hodges, Program Specialist, Visually Handicapped

Type of Agency: A division of the State Department of Education.
Mission: Administers the federal quota system for providing visually handicapped children with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind. Reimburses local schools for special programs and materials. Maintains lending library of braille and large print books, tape and talking books, and special aids and equipment, through the Wichita Regional Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Area Served: Kansas.

Provides referral for psychological testing, consultation for local schools and agencies, and public information program.

SCHOOLS

Kansas State School for the Visually Handicapped
1100 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 281-3308
Ralph E. Bartley, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Budget: 1987: $2,000,000.
Staff: 85 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1867.
Eligibility: Deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally handicapped, orthopedically handicapped whose vision condition interferes with education.
Age Requirements: 3 to 21 years.

Health: General medical services. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Placement in school, grades K through 12; programs for college prep, general academic, vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internships/fieldwork placement in industrial arts, low vision, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation counseling, social work, special education. Regular in-service training programs and short-term or summer training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Residential: Dormitories and on-site apartments.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; Kurzweil Reading Machine; home management; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; goal ball. Provides consultation to other agencies for some recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill development; refers for vocational placement, follow-up service.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Ralph E. Bartley, Superintendent.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Early Education Center/Training and Evaluation Center of Hutchinson
P.O. Box 399
127 East Avenue B
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(316) 663-2671 OR (316) 663-1596
Maurice F. Cummings, President/CEO
Deborah Kraus-Voth, Early Education Director

Type of Agency: Cooperative public-private education program.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations, state funds, United Way, county mill levy.
Staff: 16 full time (includes early childhood teachers of visually handicapped children); 5 part time (includes various therapists); orientation/mobility available on consultant basis. Uses volunteers. Advisory board (parent members) for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment. Hearing tests, other support services available on referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped and other handicapped infants, 0-3 years. Multihandicapped and noncategorical classes, consultant services to other programs for 3-5 year olds.
Low Vision: Exams.

Kansas State School for the Visually Handicapped
1100 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 281-3308
Ralph E. Bartley, Superintendent
Donald Pickering, Principal

Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies and state funds.
Staff: 85 full time (includes teachers of visually handicapped and severely handicapped children, occupational therapist, orientation/mobility specialist), 11 part time, other disciplines available on consultant basis. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 3-5 years old.

Health: Adaptive equipment. Immunizations, blood tests available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling, genetic counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Visually handicapped and multihandicapped classes.
Low Vision: Exams.

Tri-Valley Developmental Preschool
208 West Tenth Street
Fort Scott, KS 66701
(316) 223-5029
Marcia Murphy, Director/Teacher

Type of Agency: Interagency cooperative program, public school and private agency.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, private donations, state funds, United Way, county mill levy.
Staff: 3 full time; psychologist, various therapists, orientation/mobility specialist available on consultation basis. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.
Area Served: Bourbon County, but will accept children from other areas.
Age Requirements: 2-5 years old.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Home teaching, multihandicapped and noncategorical classes for visually handicapped and other handicapped. Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Orientation/mobility and various related services available on referral basis.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

American Red Cross/Midway-Kansas Chapter
707 North Main
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 683-6706
Von E. Eulert, Chairperson, Braille Service

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Beth Shalom Braille Committee
8831 Ensley Lane
Leawood, KS 66206
(913) 648-5984
Mrs. Max Benjamin, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Braille Association of Kansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 17032
Wichita, KS 67217
(316) 522-6921
Mary Ann Oblinger, Workshop Manager

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Kansas Rehabilitation Center for the Blind
2516 West Sixth Street
Topeka, KS 66606
(913) 296-3311
Claudell S. Stocker, Coordinator, Community Department

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Southwest Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired
Box 111
Dodge City, KS 67801
(316) 227-8002
Joanne Martin, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Wichita Regional Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired
4558 North Hydraulic
Wichita, KS 67037
(316) 838-1861
Rebah J. Hubbard, Library Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks (large print and braille collections).
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Reading Radio Service (R)
815 North Walnut
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(316) 665-3555
Teresa Short, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight; Sat.-Sun. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: 80-mile radius from Hutchinson.

Receivers Distributed: 120; Estimated Listenership: 300.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KHCC-FM, Hutchinson, 90.1, SCA, NPR.

University of Kansas Audio Reader Network (U)
P.O. Box 847
Lawrence, KS 66044
(913) 864-4600
Rosie Hurwitz, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 24 hours a day; sign off midnight Sun. to 6:00 AM Mon.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Area Served: 65-mile radius from Lawrence (northeast Kansas), which includes greater Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan area, and Topeka area, 35-mile radius from Concordia (north central), 65-mile radius from Hutchinson, 65-mile radius from Garden City (southwest Kansas), 65-mile radius from Hill City (northwest Kansas), plus cable systems in various parts of state. See specifics under Cable.

Receivers Distributed: 6,700 plus cable; Estimated Listenership: 10,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: Audio-Reader Studios in Lawrence using KANU-FM, Lawrence, 91.5, SCA, NPR, KCKS-FM, Concordia, 95.3, SCA, C; KANZ-FM, Pierceville, 91.1, SCA, NPR, KHCC-FM, Hutchinson, 90.1, KZNA-FM, Hill City, 90.5.
Cable: Originates from Lawrence studios via microwave relays FM special (75.75 mHz) to Chanute, Ellis, Great Bend, Hays, Junction City, Larned, Manhattan, Medicine Lodge, Parsons, Pratt, Russell, Salina, and Emporia. Also relays programming to Hutchinson, KS radio reading service on KHCC-FM.

Wichita Radio Reading Service
1751 North Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67208
(316) 682-9121
Joan Freund, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: 60-mile radius centered on Wichita, covering south central Kansas.

Receivers Distributed: 750; Radios in 45 nursing homes; Bedside systems of two major hospitals.
Estimated Listenership: 2,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KMUW-FM, Wichita, 89.1, SCA, NPR.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Services to the Visually Handicapped/Kansas City, Missouri
8831 Ensley Lane
Leawood, KS 66206
(913) 648-5984
Mrs. Max Benjamin, Chair, Braille Committee

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for visually handicapped persons of all ages.

Funded By: Sisterhood budget.
Staff: 40 part-time volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1959.
Area Served: Kansas and Missouri, specifically.

Educational: Non-graded. Adult continuing education; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development; college—undergraduate and graduate.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service programs. Short-term or summer training, open to other agencies, parents, and teachers for enrollment.
Reading: Braille books and materials; information and referral; transcription to braille. Provides educational, recreational, and vocational reading materials in large type.
Rehabilitation: Provides consultation to other agencies.

Co-Chairmen, Large Type Committee: Mrs. Richard Rubins, 11940 Farley, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66213, (913) 897-3944; Mrs. Louis Hammer, 4009 West 90th Street, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66207, (913) 648-5639.

Braille Association of Kansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 17032
Wichita, KS 67217
(316) 522-6921
Mary Ann Oblinger, Workshop Manager

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, workshop sales, memberships, donations.
Staff: 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1963.

Transcription to braille, tape recording services on demand. Provides braille and tape books to Sedgwick County Schools. Books available to others at cost.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Kansas State Library/Blind and Visually Handicapped Division
Emporia State University
1200 Commercial
Emporia, KS 66801
(316) 343-7124 OR Toll-free in Kansas (1-800) 432-3919
Caroline Longmoor, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Kansas.

Provides talking books, tapes, cassettes, large type books and braille.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Kansas Volunteer Information Resource Center
Box 393
Syracuse, KS 67878
(316) 384-7430
Francis Stambaugh, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

Association of Radio Reading Services

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Kansas Division of Services for the Blind
Biddle Building
2700 West Sixth Street
Topeka, KS 66606
(913) 296-4454
Richard A. Schultz, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees, state and federal tax funds.
Staff: 59 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1937.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; counseling, individual, group, family/parent; placement in training. Contracts, refers for, provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work and rehabilitation counseling. Regular training programs open to other agencies.
Residential: Dormitory for adults, elderly and multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community;

sensory training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; bowling; swimming. Refers and provides consultation for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.

Local Offices:

Kansas City: Kansas City Workshop for the Blind, 925 Sunshine Road, Kansas City, KS 66115 (913) 281-0710.
Topeka: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 2516 West Sixth Street, Topeka, KS 66606 (913) 296-3311.
Topeka: Topeka Workshop for the Blind, 425 MacVicar, Topeka, KS 66606 (913) 296-3211.

Field Offices:

Chanute: 1500 West Seventh Street, P.O. Box 708, Chanute, KS 66720 (316) 431-7100.
Garden City: 2701 North Eleventh Street, Garden City, KS 67846 (316) 275-0271.
Great Bend: 2110 Kansas, Great Bend, KS 67530 (316) 792-5324.
Hays: 3000 Broadway, P.O. Box 549, Hays, KS 67601 (913) 628-1066.
Kansas City: Gateway I, Fourth Street and State, P.O. Box 1248, Kansas City, KS 66101 (913) 371-6700.
Manhattan: 327 Colorado, P.O. Box 1263, Manhattan, KS 66502 (913) 776-4011.
Salina: Graves Building, 2130 South Ohio, P.O. Box 6200, Salina, KS 67401 (913) 825-8111.
Topeka: Feldman Building, 1st Floor, 2700 West Sixth Street, P.O. Box 24, Topeka, KS 66606 (913) 295-9521.
Wichita: 3244 East Douglas, P.O. Box 518, Wichita, KS 67201 (316) 651-5230.

REHABILITATION

Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind
801 East Lincoln
P.O. Box 2355
Wichita, KS 67201
(316) 267-2244
Linda Merrill, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, Non-profit.
Staff: 16 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1932.
Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, cerebral palsy. Preference given to visual impairment over other handicaps.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for referral to community services.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.
Employment: Occupational skill development; sheltered workshops.

Low Vision Centers

Kansas State Ophthalmological Society
1422 Polk
Great Bend, KS 67530
Perry N. Schuetz, M.D., President

Kansas Optometric Association
400 Kansas Avenue, Suite A
Topeka, KS 66603
(913) 232-0225
Gary Robbins, C.A.E.

Kansas Low Vision Clinic
801 East Lincoln
P.O. Box 2355
Wichita, KS 67201
(316) 267-6646
Patrick Pirotte, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, Lions Club, Delta Gamma Sorority.
Hours of Operation: Wed. 8 AM-3:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; social worker; referral to ophthalmologist, orientation/mobility instructor, rehabilitation teacher, rehabilitation counselor, optometrist.
Eligibility: Referral only.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview.

Further information: Dr. Pirotte.

University of Kansas Medical Center/Low Vision Rehabilitation Service
Department of Ophthalmology
Kansas City, KS 66103
(913) 588-6609
Cynthia A. Tonkovich, O.D., Director, Low Vision Rehabilitation Service

Funded By: Client fees and state funds.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; optician; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Referral by ophthalmologist, optometrist, or agency with medical report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase; limited trial loan of some aids available; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment or telephone, as needed.

Further information: Janette Sanders, Patient Counselor.

KENTUCKY

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Kentucky Bureau of Education for Exceptional Children
Unit of Physically Handicapped
Capital Plaza Towers, Room 820
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-4970
Vivian Link, Associate Superintendent

Type of Agency: A division of the Department of Education.
Mission: Administers the federal quota system for providing visually handicapped children with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Kentucky.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Services for parents, local agencies, and schools on educational programs.
Educational: Assists school personnel in appraising the needs of visually handicapped children and in developing the appropriate education programs for these children.
Professional Training: Conducts in-service training for teachers.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Health: General care.
Educational: K through 12.
Professional Training: Fieldwork opportunities.
Reading: Lends braille and large print textbooks and educational aids to Kentucky school districts that serve blind and visually impaired students.
Residential: Supervised living areas for students.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; independent living; job skills; transition activities.
Recreational: Afterschool and weekend activities. Leisure counseling and training in recreational skills.

Provides consultations, technical assistance and educational assessments for local schools in Kentucky.

Outreach Services: Darlene Middleton and Linda Smith, Consultants.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Julia French, Bureau of Education for Exceptional Children, 815 Capitol Plaza Towers, Frankfort, KY 40601 (502) 564-5535.

SCHOOLS

Kentucky School for the Blind
1867 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6005
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 897-1583
Will D. Evans, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.
Mission: Administers the American Printing House for the Blind federal quota system for local public and private schools in Kentucky.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 49 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1842.
Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired school-age children who are residents of Kentucky.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Deaf-Blind Intervention Program
229 Taylor Education Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0001
(606) 257-7909
Deborah Knapp, State Coordinator for Services to Deaf-Blind Children

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Home-based program and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped and deaf-blind children.
Funded By: Title VI-C, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program.
Staff: 3 full time. Various therapists, medical specialists, teachers of visually handicapped, orientation/mobility specialists available as consultants. Advisory board with parent members.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: Kentucky.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; variety of other services and instruction delivered on consultant or referral basis.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Jefferson County Public School
4409 Preston Highway
Louisville, KY 40213
(502) 456-3285
Jan Moseley, Specialist, Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Kentucky Instructional Material Resource Center
1867 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 897-1583
Julia French, Consultant

Groups Served: K-12, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Lexington Braille Guild Association
1820 Williamsburg Road
Lexington, KY 40504
(606) 277-0815
Elizabeth A. Van Why, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks, miscellaneous.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Lexington Educational Aids Workshop, Inc.
3413 Montavesta Road
Lexington, KY 40502
(606) 266-5897
Noi Doyle, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Owensboro Recording Unit
450 Griffith Avenue
Owensboro, KY 42301
(502) 684-0212
Liz Gray, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Studio for the Handicapped, Inc.
P.O. Box 23043
Anchorage, KY 40223
(502) 245-5422
Hayden F. Heaphy, Chairperson, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of Louisville
Department of Special Education
Louisville, KY 40292
Dr. Hilda Caton, Coordinator, Visual Impairment Program, (502) 588-6421

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Kentucky Talking Book Library
P.O. Box 818
Frankfort, KY 40602
(502) 564-5532 OR Toll-free in Kentucky (1-800) 372-2968
Richard Feindel, Librarian

Mission: Provides books and magazines recorded on tapes and records and in braille.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Kentucky.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Kentucky Affiliate
727 Starks Building
Louisville, KY 40202-9970
(502) 584-6127
JoAnne Hohman, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
240 Haldeman Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-9068

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
University of Louisville
205 Strickler Hall, Belknap Campus
Louisville, KY 40292
(502) 588-5856

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Louisville Chapter
207 Stillwood Court
Louisville, KY 40223
(502) 964-2928
Lee Smith, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Printing House for the Blind

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Kentucky Department for the Blind
427 Versailles Road
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-4754
Charles W. McDowell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 133 full time, 40 part time.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.
Rehabilitation: Aids and appliances.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Ashland: Department for the Blind, P.O. Box 1623, 2904 Carter Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101 (606) 329-9776.
Bowling Green: Department for the Blind, Executive Plaza, Suite 106, 1725 Ashley Circle, Bowling Green, KY 42101 (502) 843-5479.
Elizabethtown: Department for the Blind, 600 North Miles Street, D, Elizabethtown, KY 42701 (502) 769-6891.
Florence: Department for the Blind, 7730 U.S. 42, Florence, KY 41042 (606) 371-3380.
Hazard: Department for the Blind, 233 Birch Street, Suite 6, Hazard, KY 41701 (606) 436-5797.
Lexington: Department for the Blind, 153 Patchen Drive, #21, Lexington, KY 40509 (606) 269-9648.
Louisville: Department for the Blind, 201 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville, KY 40502 (502) 897-9475.
Louisville: Kentucky School for the Blind, 1867 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206 (502) 897-1583.
Owensboro: Department for the Blind, 311 West Second Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 (502) 686-3306.
Paducah: Department for the Blind, 250-A Lone Oak, Paducah, KY 42001 (502) 444-8315, 444-8316.
Paintsville: Department for the Blind, 24 Depot Road, Paintsville, KY 41240 (606) 789-3078.
Somerset: Department for the Blind, 310 Sallee Street, Somerset, KY 42501 (606) 679-3863.

REHABILITATION

Kentucky Industries for the Blind
1900 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 893-0211
Robert A. Bird, Director

Funded By: Workshop sales and fees.
Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1918.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.
Area Served: Kentucky.
Age Requirements: 18 and above.

Employment: Sub-assembly trainees, janitorial training and outplacement, and sheltered workshops.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Department for the Blind
Kentucky Rehabilitation Center for the Blind
1900 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-5489, ext. 367
H. D. Wilson, Branch Manager

Computer Training: 1 full-time instructor; individualized training periods.

Low Vision Centers

Kentucky Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
1360 Medical Park Drive
Maysville, KY 41056
(606) 759-5341
Bryan N. Prater, M.D., President

Kentucky Optometric Association
P. O. Box 572
219 St. Clair
Frankfort, KY 40602
(502) 875-3516
Darlene Eakin

Kentucky Lions Eye Research Institute
Low Vision Aid Clinic
301 East Muhammad Ali Boulevard
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 588-5466
Thom J. Zimmerman, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, state funds, Lions Clubs.
Hours of Operation: Fridays 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (except holidays).
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident/technician.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase.
Low Vision Follow-up: Referred back to referring physician, appointment as needed.

Low Vision Service of Jessamine Optometric Association
506 North Main Street
Nicholasville, KY 40356
(606) 887-2441
John E. Musick, O.D., Chief, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling available.
Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation counselor and orientation/mobility instructor available.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Lend/purchase; sold at cost. Prescriptions filled.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Low Vision Services of Kentucky
120 North Eagle Creek, Suite 501
Lexington, KY 40509
(606) 263-3757
William J. Wood, M.D., Clinical Director
Rick D. Isernhagen, Clinical Director
Patty C. Matheny, M.A., Administrative Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologists; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant/specialist; registered nurse. Available for consultation or referral: social worker, rehabilitation counselor, audiologist.
History/Date: Est. 1987.
Eligibility: Ophthalmology referral.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for evaluation and loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment or home visit as necessary.

Further information: Patty C. Matheny.

Park DuValle Community Health Center
1817 South 34th Street
Louisville, KY 40211
(502) 774-4401
Richard K. Jones, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Federal grant and client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM; Tues. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry students/residents; optometric assistant/technician; social worker; registered nurses; medical doctors.
Eligibility: Geographic location.
Area Served: West Louisville area.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; on-site training not provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up by appointment and/or home visit as necessary.

Further information: Richard K. Jones.

University of Kentucky Medical Center
800 Rose Street
Lexington, KY 40596
(606) 233-5866
Donald R. Bergsma, M.D., Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology

Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic assistant/technician; social worker; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

Further information: Jean Fischer, Clinic Manager.

University of Louisville School of Medicine/Low Vision Aids Clinic, Department of Ophthalmology
301 East Muhammad Ali Boulevard
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 588-5466
A. M. Potts, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology

Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only through the Eye Clinic.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident. Available locally, optician, social worker, orientation/mobility instructor, rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Referral from eye care specialist or state agency.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for demonstration; procured for patient at cost.
Low Vision Follow-up: As needed by patient.

Further information: A. M. Potts.

LOUISIANA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Louisiana Learning Resources System
Louisiana State Department of Education
2525 Wyandotte Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70805
(504) 359-9285
Dr. Charlene M. Bishop, Director
Elizabeth Borel, State Director

Mission: Acts as a clearinghouse and depository for large print and braille textbooks for visually impaired and blind students in Louisiana. Maintains additional instructional materials for all exceptionalities. Provides consultation on educational services to local schools and agencies.
Area Served: Louisiana.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired
P.O. Box 4328
1120 Government Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4328
(504) 342-4727
Richard N. Day, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind.
Staff: 150 full time, 3 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1852.
Eligibility: Educable, ambulatory, toilet-trained, legally blind resident of Louisiana.
Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; modified football; softball.
Employment: Career and skill counseling.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Gary Dean Yarnall, Section Chief, Sensorially Impaired, Louisiana State Department of Education, P.O. Box 44064, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (504) 342-1168.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired
P.O. Box 4328
1120 Government Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4328
(504) 342-4727
Richard N. Day, Superintendent

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of New Orleans
ED 246
Department of Special Education
New Orleans, LA 70148
Randall L. Scott, (504) 286-6609

Graduate (Master's) program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Information Services

RADIO READING

WRBH-FM/Radio for the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc. (I)
5926 South Front Street
New Orleans, LA 70115
(504) 899-1144
Cathy Jacob, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-1:00 AM.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Area Served: 75-mile radius from New Orleans.

Estimated Listenership: Not yet surveyed.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WRBH-FM, New Orleans, 88.3, Main, NC.
Cable: None.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Louisiana Division of Blind Services/Office of Human Development
1755 Florida Boulevard
P.O. Box 28
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(504) 342-5284
Jerry Swearingen, Director

Distributor of talking book machines.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Louisiana State Library, Section for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
760 Riverside North
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5232
(504) 342-4944
Richard J. Smith, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1958.
Area Served: Louisiana.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, large type books, and cassettes.

See also in national listings:

Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Louisiana Division of Blind Services/Office of Human Development
1755 Florida Boulevard
P.O. Box 28
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(504) 342-5284
Jerry Swearingen, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 87 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1940.
Eligibility: Legally blind only.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services; contracts for other counseling/social work.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; orientation/mobility; teaching in client's home and community. Contracts for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational training; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service, vending stand training. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.
Low Vision: Clinic.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription of spectacles.

Local Offices:

Alexandria: 900 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA 71301 (318) 487-5050.
Baton Rouge: 2127 Beaumont Drive, Suite 7, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (504) 925-7813.
Lafayette: 302 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA 70501 (318) 265-5388.
Lake Charles: 4016 Avenue F, Lake Charles, LA 70601 (318) 491-2199.
Metairie: Metairie Towers Office Building, Suite 603, 433 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005 (504) 834-4642.
Monroe: State Office Building, 3rd Floor, 122 St. John Street, Monroe, LA 71201 (318) 362-3211.
Shreveport: 1525 Fairfield Avenue, 708 State Office Building, Shreveport, LA 71130 (318) 226-7031.

Thibodaux: P.O. Box 998, Thibodaux, LA 70302-0998
(504) 448-2944.

REHABILITATION

Family Service Society
535 Gravier Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 524-7471
Robert R. Quintana, Executive Director

Funded By: United Way, fees and endowment.
History/Date: Est. 1896.
Area Served: Metropolitan area of greater New Orleans.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides counseling; evaluates needs of families of blind children for service.

Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans
123 State Street
New Orleans, LA 70118
(504) 899-4501
R. G. Harmer, Executive Director

Funded By: Contributions, workshop sales, sub-contracts and endowment.
Budget: 1986: $2,319,812.
Staff: 26 full time; total employees in 1986: 127.
History/Date: Est. 1920.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 1,404.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: Greater New Orleans and surrounding area.

Health: Eye health public education program.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; home economics; evaluation; computerized braille production; computer training; orientation/mobility; competitive job preparation training; braille training.
Recreational: Hobby groups; arts and crafts; residential summer camp.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.
Low Vision: Clinic.

Louisiana Association for the Blind
1750 Claiborne Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71103
(318) 635-6471
Dr. Henry Baub, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.
Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Legally or totally blind.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Personal adjustment and vocational counseling, psychological testing.
Educational: Vocational/skill development.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books. Lends braille and recorded books.
Residential: Provides housing for clients while going through evaluation.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; communication skills; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.
Recreational: Bowling; seasonal activities.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; vending stand training.

Low Vision Centers

Louisiana Ophthalmological Association
P.O. Box 1090
Opelousas, LA 70570
(318) 942-3613
Merrick Wyble, M.D., President

Louisiana State Association of Optometrists
2576 Toulon Drive, Suite 1
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
(504) 292-9995
Nooley Jumonville

Louisiana Division of Blind Services
1755 Florida Boulevard
P.O. Box 28
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(504) 342-5284
Jerry L. Swearingen, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Federal and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; social worker.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: Statewide.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social worker available.

Computer Training: Computer aids and devices provided.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Provided at no charge or purchase.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

Louisiana State University Eye Center/Low Vision Clinic

136 South Roman Street
New Orleans, LA 70112
(504) 834-4642
Joseph P. Rumage, M.D., Physician in Charge

Funded By: State funds, fees charged to private patients.
Hours of Operation: Tues. 8:00 AM-11:30 AM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; social worker; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Louisiana.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 1 month.

Further information: Dr. Rumage, 705 Audubon Building, New Orleans, LA 70112 or Visual Aids Clinic Coordinator, Division of Blind Services, 433 Metairie Road, Suite 603, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 834-4642.

Shreveport Eye Research Foundation/Paul Brown Low Vision Center

Willis Knighton Medical Center
2600 Greenwood Road
Shreveport, LA 71103
(318) 425-3937
Coni Sweeney, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist.
Eligibility: O.D. or M.D. referral; current ophthalmological or optometric report.
Area Served: North Louisiana, south Arkansas, east Texas.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; provided for purchase. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; varies according to patient.

Further information: Dr. David D. Kirby, Low Vision Coordinator.

Tulane Medical Center Hospital and Clinic

1415 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112
(504) 588-5312
Delmar R. Caldwell, M.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; occupational therapist; ophthalmic resident assistant; ophthalmologist.
Eligibility: Legally blind. Referral and current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counselor, psychologist and social workers available.
Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loaned at no cost for 1-2 weeks. Sold at cost.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment, phone interviews.

MAINE

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services
State House Station #23
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-5811
Loraine Spenciner, Consultant for Exceptional Children, Vision
David Noble Stockford, State Director, Division of Special Education, (207) 289-5953
Irving Williams, Early Childhood Consultant, (207) 289-5971

Mission: Provides consultation services for local schools. Supplemental funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools are administered by the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Maine.

For information about local facilities, consult Maine Division of Eye Care, in the local office of the Bureau of Rehabilitation.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Maine Division of Eye Care
32 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 289-3484
Harold Lewis, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 3 full time, 21 part-time (includes teachers of visually handicapped children, orientation/mobility specialists, preschool child counselors, social worker); various therapists available as needed; medical personnel available on consultant basis; advisory board with parent members for overall program.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, with or without other impairments.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; genetic counseling; financial assistance; other social and health services available on referral basis.

Educational: Adaptive equipment; auditory training; readiness skills. Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home-based direct services and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation
Division of Eye Care
32 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 289-3484
Harold Lewis, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Print, braille, computer disk listings free of charge.

Information Services

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Voices for Blind, Inc.
P.O. Box 837
Songo Pond Road
Bethel, ME 04217
(207) 824-2920
Connie Hindman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Renders the audio media more accessible to disabled people.
Funded By: Grants, donations, tape rentals, Title V.
Staff: 6.
History/Date: Downeast Recording Library est. 1961, Voices for Blind est. 1978.
Eligibility: Print handicapped.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides referrals to community services; acts as consultant to other agencies.
Educational: All levels; continuing education, college prep, general academics.
Preschools: Play/nursery school.
Professional Training: Training/supervised fieldwork in special education, vocational rehabilitation and media library. Short-term/summer classes only. Open enrollment.

Reading: Book selection services consist of an inventory of 10,000 talking book tapes available for loan, including weekly audio newspapers. Tape recording services available.
Residential: Refers for residential summer camps.
Rehabilitation: Tapes on daily living skills, orientation/mobility, sensory training.
Recreational: Tapes on adult continuing education, arts/crafts, hobby groups.
Publications: *To See a Man* on tape and in printed forms.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Maine State Library
Library Services for the Handicapped
State House Station #64
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-5650 OR Toll-free in Maine (1-800) 452-8793
Benita Davis, Coordinator, Special Services

Provides talking books, large print books, reference service, and volunteer-produced material.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Maine Volunteer Information Resource Center
136 Knox Lane
Millinocket, ME 04462
(207) 723-4338
Ellen Pelkey, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation
Division of Eye Care
32 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 289-3484
Harold Lewis, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program, independent living program and oversees education of blind children. Provides case management, direct instruction, and orientation and mobility services; employs under contract all teachers of the blind/visually impaired in Maine. Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, multiply handicapped.
Funded By: Federal and state appropriations.
Budget: 1986: $2,282,000.
Staff: 28 full time, 11 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1941.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 1,600.
Eligibility: Severe visual disability that results in functional limitations.

Health: Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Preschool to 12th grade, age 21. Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer programs open for enrollment to other agencies.
Reading: Braille books, large print books, information and referral; transcription to braille and tape recording services on demand for clients. Library services provided by state library.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; communication; home management; orientation/mobility; all skill training in home and community; contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for recreation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Training on computer; access and software.
Low Vision: Low vision contracts and refers for low vision services.

Local Offices:

Augusta: Division of Eye Care/Bureau of Rehabilitation, Capitol Shopping Center, Western Avenue, Augusta, ME 04330 (207) 289-2586.
Bangor: Division of Eye Care/Bureau of Rehabilitation, 396 Griffin Road, Bangor, ME 04401 (207) 947-0511.
Caribou: Division of Eye Care/Bureau of

Rehabilitation, 41 Washburn Street, Caribou, ME (207) 498-8151.
Lewiston: Division of Eye Care/Bureau of Rehabilitation, 200 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240 (207) 795-4300.
Portland: Division of Eye Care/Bureau of Rehabilitation, 509 Forest Avenue, Portland, ME 04101 (207) 774-4581.

REHABILITATION

Maine Center for the Blind
189 Park Avenue
Portland, ME 04102
(207) 774-6273
Dr. Robert Crouse, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Budget: FY 1986: $1,166,000.
History/Date: Est. 1905.
Area Served: Maine.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services.
Residential: State-licensed residence.
Rehabilitation: Mobility; vocational evaluation; rehabilitation teaching in homes state-wide.
Employment: Work adjustment and training; extended employment.
Low Vision: Sells aids and appliances; low vision service.

Low Vision Centers

Maine Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
190 Park Avenue
Portland, ME 04102
(207) 774-1240
William S. Holt, M.D., President

Maine Optometric Association, Inc.
RFD #1, Box 1610
Litchfield, ME 04350-9730
(207) 268-4631
Muriel Bonin

Lions Low Vision Service
189 Park Avenue
Portland, ME 04102
(207) 774-6273
David J. Smith, O.D., Clinical Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, Portland Lions Club.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Optometrist; low vision assistant.
Eligibility: Ophthalmological referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview.

Further information: Maureen Connolly, R.N., Low Vision Assistant.

MARYLAND

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(301) 333-2489
David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Schools
Martha Fields, Assistant Deputy State Superintendent, Bureau of Educational Development

Mission: Administers supplemented state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools. Provides consultation for local schools and the residential school.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Maryland.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Maryland School for the Blind
3501 Taylor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236
(301) 444-5000
Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D., Superintendent

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, as well as for those whose blindness and visual impairment are complicated by deafness, learning disability, mental retardation, emotional problems, orthopedic handicaps.
Funded By: Fees, state appropriation.
Budget: 1987: $8,502,531.
Staff: 310 full time, 30 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1853.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 210.
Eligibility: Visually impaired; must be referred by student's local education agency.
Age Requirements: 2-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; audiology; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. On-campus medical specialty clinics.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school, training, institution.
Educational: Grades K through 12 and non-graded. Programs for play/nursery school; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education; social work; speech pathology; orientation/mobility; psychology; occupational therapy; physical therapy; recreation; in-service training programs for staff and for other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Residential: Dormitories, cottages, on-site apartments for advanced students; residential programming focuses on social development and living skills.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; skiing; roller skating; off-campus trips.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vending stand training. Provides consultation to other organizations.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision specialist provides training.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes. Prescription for spectacles and low vision aids.

Outreach services to visually impaired students in local schools and to recent graduates seeking community placement.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Montgomery County Public Schools Vision Services-Early Childhood
Rock View Elementary
3901 Denfeld Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895
(301) 942-6050
Dr. Rosemary O'Brien, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, state funds, Board of Education.
Staff: Full-time staff includes teachers of the visually handicapped holding additional certification, social worker, supervisor, paraprofessionals. Part-time staff includes dually certified teacher, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists,

orientation/mobility specialist. Psychologist available on consultant basis. Uses volunteers. Has Parent Task Force for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Area Served: Montgomery County.
Age Requirements: 0-2 years.

Health: Health services available from Montgomery County Health Department.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; parent education and support group; sibling group; personal and family counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped, with or without other impairments. Visually handicapped and multihandicapped classes.
Publications: *Alive...Aware...A Person.*

Consultant services to other programs, for children 2-6 years old.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Montgomery County Public Schools Vision Services
5010 Moorland Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 657-8292
Dr. Rosemary O'Brien, Supervisor

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Prince George County Public School
1200 Ritchie Road
Capital Heights, MD 20743
(301) 336-8656
Ann T. Pertsch, Vision Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped
4405 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 652-4347
Catherine Couch, Executive Director

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Johns Hopkins University Division of Education
105 Whitehead Hall
Baltimore, MD 21218
(301) 338-8273
Dr. M. Cay Holbrook

Graduate (Master's) program for teachers of the visually impaired. Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for multiple competency teachers of the severely, profoundly, and multiply handicapped/ visually impaired and multiply handicapped deaf-blind.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Baltimore's Radio Reading Service (I)
2901 Liberty Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(301) 396-0990
Leonard Frankford, Office Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:45 AM-11:00 PM; Sat. 10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sun. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: Central Maryland.

Receivers Distributed: 1,000; Estimated Listenership: 1,500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WBJC-FM, Baltimore, 91.5, SCA, NPR.

Washington Ear, Inc. (I)
35 University Boulevard East
Silver Spring, MD 20901
(301) 681-6636
Dr. Margaret Rockwell Pfanstiehl, President
Kathie M. Kielich, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-1:00 AM.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: Greater Washington, D.C., area.

Receivers Distributed: 1,900; Estimated Listenership: 2,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WETA-FM, Washington, D.C., 90.9, SCA, NPR.

Trained Washington Ear volunteers provide audio description for the visually impaired at the Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, National and Ford theaters in Washington, D.C.; at the Tawes and Roundhouse theaters in suburban Maryland. Program notes for National Symphony Orchestra concert series are taped by volunteers at the Washington Ear Studios.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Perception Unlimited, Inc.
1207-B Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228
(301) 747-0144
Alberta Didier, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Community/reader services; emphasis on services to the elderly.
Funded By: Grants, contributions, fund raising.
Budget: 1986-87: $54,175.
Hours of Operation: Anytime by appointment.
Staff: 5.
History/Date: Est. 1984.
Eligibility: Print handicapped; individual evaluation.
Area Served: Catonsville and surrounding areas.
Age Requirements: 19 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides community services.
Educational: Readers are trained in providing personal reading services.
Professional Training: In-service high school level reading courses, short-term/summer classes, open enrollment to other agencies.
Rehabilitation: Personal reading service.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1715 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(301) 659-2668 OR 659-2669 OR Toll-free in Maryland (1-800) 492-5627
James Murray, Librarian

Funded By: State and federal funds.
History/Date: Est. 1968.
Area Served: Maryland.

Regional library supplying talking books, large type books, books in braille, cassette, talking book machines, and information and referral services.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
1401 Mt. Royal Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217
(301) 225-9400
Hersch Levin, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

International Eye Foundation

National Federation of the Blind

National Glaucoma Research Program of the American Health Assistance Foundation

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.)

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(301) 659-2274
M. Eugene Spurrier, Chief, Services for the Blind

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1929.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral.
Reading: Reader service.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility; communication.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; follow-up; vending facility program.

Regional Offices:

Annapolis: 60 West Street, Suite 202, Annapolis, MD 21401 (301) 269-3884.
Baltimore: 2100 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218 (301) 659-6119.

Hagerstown: Professional Arts Building, Suite 411, Hagerstown, MD 21740 (301) 791-4764.
Landover: Landover Mall, East Office Building, Suite 210, 2100 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20785 (301) 772-3133.
Salisbury: P.O. Box 2058, Salisbury, MD 21801-2058 (301) 742-3172.
Towson: Investment Building, One Investment Place, Suite G-21, Towson, MD 21204 (301) 321-4040.

REHABILITATION

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland
2901 Strickland Street
Baltimore, MD 21223
(301) 233-4567
Frederick L. Dewberry, President

Mission: Provides social services for travel and communication skills, housing, counseling, leisure management and cooking.
Funded By: Production and sales of products to government and industrial customers, public support, trust fund and appropriation from the Maryland General Assembly.
History/Date: Est. 1908.
Area Served: Maryland.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Offers consultation, information and referral, research and demonstration services.
Educational: Offers pre-vocational and vocational training and employment.
Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation and industry division programs.
Employment: Operates vending facilities program.
Low Vision Aids: Sells aids and appliances at cost.

Local Offices:

Cumberland: 322 Paca Street, Cumberland, MD 21502 (301) 724-4111.
Salisbury: Northwood Industrial Park, P.O. Box 2133, Salisbury, MD 21801 (301) 749-1366.

Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped
4405 East-West Highway
Suite 109B
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 652-4347
Catherine Couch, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Community services.
Funded By: United Fund, sub-contracts, capital funds, donations, dues.
Budget: 1986: $196,000.
Staff: 10.
History/Date: Est. 1969.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; print handicapped.

Health: Sells/lends spectacles; refers for diagnosis, evaluation, treatment and prescriptions; general medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual counseling, also accepts family/parents. Refers for social evaluation, testing, vocation placement.
Professional Training: In-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book and magazine records/tapes; braille/large print; information/referral; translation to braille; closed circuit television.
Rehabilitation: Provides daily living/braille/handwriting skills, orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Refers for all forms; provides monthly/weekend activities.
Employment: Refers for pre-vocational evaluation, occupational skill development, training, placement.
Low Vision: Refers to low vision clinics/services.
Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase.
Low Vision Follow-up: Evaluation of eye treatment.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Maryland Rehabilitation Center
2301 Argonne Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218
(301) 366-8800
William Leard, Special Assistant

Computer Training: 3 full-time instructors; 9-month training period.

Low Vision Centers

Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Investment Building, Suite 808
One Investment Place
Baltimore, MD 21204
(301) 823-8400
Gordon G. Heiner, M.D., President

Maryland Optometric Association, Inc.
Imperial Apartments, #4A
3601 Clarks Lane
Baltimore, MD 21215
(301) 764-6700
William S. Eisner, Ph.D.

Greater Baltimore Medical Center
6701 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21204
(301) 828-2196
Robert B. Welch, M.D., Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optician; social worker; genetic counselor; audiologist; low vision specialist for training.
Eligibility: Referral; ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview in 1 month.

Further information: Dr. Welch.

National Naval Medical Center
Ophthalmology Service
Optometry Branch
Bethesda, MD 20014
(202) 454-6700
Dan Host, O.D., Staff Optometrist

Funded By: Federal funds.
Hours of Operation: Monday afternoons.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist.
Eligibility: Military, dependents, retired personnel; referral from O.D. or M.D.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview after 2 months.

Further information: Dr. Host.

Optometric Center of Maryland-Low Vision Clinic
100 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(301) 385-1500
Egon Werthamer, O.D., F.A.A.D., Chief of Low Vision Services
George Haus, O.D., Chief of Clinical Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM; Sat. 8:30 AM-1:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometric intern; optometric technician.
Area Served: Baltimore metropolitan area.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment as needed.

University of Maryland Department of Ophthalmology/Low Vision Program
225 South Greene Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(301) 328-5905
R. D. Richards, M.D., Professor and Chairman

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optician; optometrist; orthoptist; low vision assistant.
Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

MASSACHUSETTS

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Massachusetts Department of Education
Division of Special Education
Beaman Street, Route 140
West Boylston, MA 01583
(617) 835-6266
Anthony P. Caetano, Director, Vision Resources Library

Mission: Advises cities and towns in analysis of census information on visually handicapped children and in establishment of appropriate local programs. Maintains contact with local resource and itinerant specialists in terms of local program monitoring and evaluation, technical assistance, in-service experiences, and resolution of individual pupils' problems. The Division of Special Education approves state and federal aid to local cities and towns for approved special programs, services, educational materials and equipment.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Massachusetts.

For program information, contact local school superintendent or Anthony P. Caetano.

SCHOOLS

Northeast Vision Consultants, Inc.
Box 42
Needham, MA 02192
(617) 444-0642
Timothy Traut-Savine, Vice President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Consultant services/orientation and mobility for visually handicapped.
Funded By: Contracting services from public school systems.
Staff: 2 full time, 11 part time.
History/Date: Est. July 1984.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for psychological testing and evaluation, individual/group/family/couple counseling.
Educational: K-12; assessment; program planning; direct/indirect services.
Preschools: Nursery school.
Professional Training: Training/supervised fieldwork in low vision (BS/MA), orientation/mobility (MA), special education (MA).
Rehabilitation: Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility; on/off-site.
Recreational: Refers for afterschool programs.
Employment: Career/skill counseling; refers for pre-vocational evaluation, job retention/training, occupational skill development.

Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434
Kevin J. Lessard, Director

Type of Agency: Private.
Mission: Services for blind, deaf-blind, visually impaired, and multi-impaired children, teenagers, and adults.
Funded By: Public funds, endowments, contributions, and tuition.
Budget: 1986: $18,000,000.
Staff: 510 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1829.
Area Served: Primarily serves New England; accepts students from all areas.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling and guidance; parent counseling; child advocacy services.
Educational: Grades: preschool through adult. Special programs for multi-impaired and deaf-blind. Summer school programs.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork program for local universities; in-service training program in sign language and child care.
Reading: Braille books; large type and recorded materials; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine. Regional library for Massachusetts. Howe Press of the Perkins School distributes the Perkins Brailler, brailling accessories, low vision aids, and other materials and equipment.
Residential: Cottages for students; independent apartment living program.
Rehabilitation: Home management; personal management; orientation/mobility; communications; vocational.
Recreational: Recreation services both on and off campus.
Employment: Evaluation, pre-vocational and vocational training. Programs for training in industry, business, food service, retail management, child care, vending stand, piano servicing, and work activities centers.

Coordinates funding of deaf-blind programs in New England for the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services through the New England Regional Center for Services to the Deaf-Blind. Innovative vocational models for deaf/blind youths.

Offers evaluation service to outside agencies and individuals; designed to assess a diverse special needs population that includes but is not limited to multi-impaired blind and deaf-blind.

Walter E. Fernald State School
P.O. Box 158
Belmont, MA 02178
(617) 894-3600
Peter H. O'Meara, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.
Mission: Services for developmentally disabled including blind of all ages.
Funded By: State funds.
History/Date: Est. 1848.

Educational: Education and training program for blind, multiply handicapped of all ages.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Boston Center for Blind Children
147 South Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02130
(617) 232-1710
Edward J. Connolly, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, income from capital funds.
Staff: 2 full time (teacher of severely handicapped children, social worker).
History/Date: Est. 1901.
Area Served: Eastern Massachusetts.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling, information and referral, assistance/advocacy for parents in P.L. 94-142 process.
Educational: Provides instruction in most developmental areas.
Preschools: Preschool classes (3-6 year olds) available.
Rehabilitation: Home-based program, with consultant services to other programs, for visually handicapped, 0-3 years, with or without other handicaps.
Low Vision: Low vision exams available on referral basis.

Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434
Kevin J. Lessard, Director
Tom Miller, Supervisor, Preschool Services

Type of Agency: Private residential school.
Funded By: Income from capital funds, local education agencies.
Staff: 6 full time (includes early childhood/visually handicapped teachers), 5 part time (includes social worker, psychologist, occupational/speech/physical therapists). Medical consultants available. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: Entire state.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling. Various support and related services available on consultant or referral basis.
Educational: Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Home-based program with center component for visually handicapped, 0-3 years, with or without other impairments. Home teaching and multihandicapped classrooms offered at 3-5 years.

Consultant services to other programs offered at all age levels.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Massachusetts Department of Education
Vision Resources Library
Beaman Street, Route 140
West Boylston, MA 01583
(617) 835-6266
Anthony P. Caetano, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Protestant Guild for the Blind
411 Waverly Oaks Road
Waltham, MA 02154
(617) 893-6000
Edmund T. Hagerty, Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Williamstown Reading for the Blind
Cole Avenue
Williamstown, MA 01267
(413) 458-3641
K. Edmonds

Groups Served: K-12, college students.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/ cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Boston College/Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation
McGuinn Hall B-29
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167
Barbara A. McLetchie, Multihandicapped/Deaf/Blind Program, (617) 552-8431
Dr. Richard M. Jackson, Director, Projects in Visually Handicapped Students, (617) 552-4181

Program Options: Educator of the Visually Handicapped, Educator of the Visually Handicapped/ Teacher of Orientation and Mobility, Rehabilitation Teacher, Transition Specialist for Visually Handicapped Youth and Young Adults, Rehabilitation Teacher and Orientation and Mobility Instructor.

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) level personnel preparation programs in each of the disciplines listed.

Northeastern University
Department of Counseling Psychology, Rehabilitation, and Special Education
203 Lake Building
Boston, MA 02115
Dr. Louise Lafontaine, Multihandicapped, (617) 437-2485
Dr. James Scorzelli, Rehabilitation Education, (617) 437-2487

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's) program for teachers of the multihandicapped; Master's program for rehabilitation counselors of the deaf-blind.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Talking Information Center (I)
130 Enterprise Drive
P.O. Box 519
Marshfield, MA 02050
(617) 834-4400
Ron Bersani, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 7:00 AM-12:00 midnight.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Southwest and southeast Massachusetts, Boston and the North Shore, Cape Cod and islands.

Receivers Distributed: 5,000; Estimated Listnership: 7,500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WATD-FM, Marshfield, 95.9, SCA, C; relayed to WERS-FM, Boston, 88.9, SCA, NC; then relayed to WICN-FM, Worcester, 90.5, SCA, NPR; also relayed from Marshfield to WAS-FM, North Dartmouth, 98.1, SCA, NC.
Cable: 60 stations.

Western Massachusetts Valley Radio Reading Service, Inc. (I)
108 Baldwin Street
West Springfield, MA 01089
(413) 736-8558
Katharine Surette, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours, 7 days.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: Springfield and vicinity — western Massachusetts.

Receivers Distributed: 300; Estimated Listenership: 300.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WTCC-FM, Springfield, 90.7, SCA, NC.
Cable: 2 stations.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Ferguson Industries
173 Second Street
Cambridge, MA 02142
(617) 727-9840 OR Toll-free in Massachusetts (1-800) 392-6450, ext. 9840
Carol Sullivan, Director, Talking Book Services

Massachusetts Department of Education
Vision Resources Library
Beaman Street, Route 140
West Boylston, MA 01583
(617) 835-6266

Library center for research and distribution of media and materials for various curricula offered to visually handicapped individuals.

Massachusetts Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434, ext. 240 OR Toll-free in Masachussetts (1-800) 852-3133
Patricia A. Kirk, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Area Served: Massachusetts.

Talking books, braille, and cassette books and magazines; provides braille books for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont readers.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Massachusetts Affiliate Inc.
375 Concord Avenue
Belmont, MA 02178-3099
(617) 489-0007
John J. Curley, Jr., Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
Bulfinch Square
43 Thorndike Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 577-1111

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
Lenox Library
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0889

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
372 Cole Avenue
Williamstown, MA 01267
(413) 458-3641

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

See also in national listings:

Christian Science Publishing Society

Eye Research Institute of the Retina Foundation

Friends of Eye Research

Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind

Joslin Diabetes Center

Maynard Listener Library

National Braille Press

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Massachusetts State Commission for the Blind
110 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 727-5550
Charles Crawford, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program, Title XX, Title XIX, and Supplemental Security Income for the blind. Provides services for totally blind, legally blind, multiply handicapped blind, children under 6 years old with vision impairment.
Funded By: State funding; fees.
Staff: 257 full time, 16 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1906.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Health: Contracts, refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility;

rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Fall River: 85 North Main Street, Fall River, MA 02720 (617) 676-1056.
Springfield: 1200 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01130 (413) 781-1290; toll free (1-800) 332-2772.
Worcester: 90 Madison Street, Worcester, MA 01608 (617) 754-1148.

REHABILITATION

Boston Aid to the Blind
P.O. Box 22
1980 Centre Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132
(617) 323-5111
Elliot Feldman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Capital income, contributions, bequests, fund raising, membership dues.
Staff: 6 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1912.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 170.
Eligibility: Legally blind, ambulatory.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual and group counseling.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing.
Recreational: Arts therapy; summer day program; bowling; woodworking; dressmaking; music; cooking; literary exercise; drama; knitting; crocheting; physical education; cultural enrichment program.

Boston Center for Blind Children
147 South Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02130
(617) 232-1710
Edward J. Connolly, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; multiply handicapped.
Funded By: Fees, capital income, contributions.
Staff: 50. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1901.
Eligibility: Visually impaired, ambulatory.

Health: Primary care; monitoring of chronic problems. Referrals for other care.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.
Educational: Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; multiply handicapped. Programs: pre-vocational; pre-academic; developmental skills.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; special education.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.
Residential: Dormitory and apartment unit.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; orientation/mobility; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; swimming; field; beach trips; picnics; use of community recreation resources. Refers for residential summer camp.

Carroll Center for the Blind
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02158-2597
(617) 969-6200 OR Toll-free in Massachusetts (1-800) 852-3131
Rachel Ethier Rosenbaum, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fees, fund raising, bequests.
Staff: 21 full time, 23 part time. Uses volunteers.
Number of Clients Served: 1986; 599, regular program; 288; recreation program.
Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired.

Health: Prescription and provision of low vision aids; evaluation of eye treatment; audiological screening; consultation in diabetic case management.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual and group sessions for clients in residential training. Information and referral for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement

in orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching and vision rehabilitation. Seminars for nurses and other medical personnel. Regular in-service training programs. Semi-annual professional workshops and seminars for allied health professionals.
Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines, closed circuit television systems, volunteer readers.
Residential: Dormitory for adults while in program.
Recreational: Outdoor enrichment program for adults; skiing; skating; canoeing; sailing; bicycling; hiking.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
New England Region Office
89 Broad Street, Suite 1135
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 350-8702 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Lowell Association for the Blind
200 Central Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(617) 454-5704
Pamela S. Titus, Executive Director

Funded By: United Way, endowments, contributions, the Merrimack Valley United Fund, membership donations, and volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1923.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-1986: 761.
Eligibility: Legally blind or functionally blind; any visual difficulty.
Area Served: Greater Lowell area.

Health: Referral services; aids and appliances; public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; advocacy; support groups; consultation and referral services.
Rehabilitation: Volunteer readers and drivers; shopping programs.
Recreational: Social and recreational activities for the elderly, working-age adults and youth.

Massachusetts Association for the Blind
200 Ivy Street
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 738-5110 OR Toll-free in Massachusetts (1-800) 682-9200
John B. Sinclair, Executive Director

Funded By: Contributions, United Way, endowment and fees.
Budget: 1986: $3,000,000.
Staff: 83 full time, 27 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1903.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 1,700.
Eligibility: Visual handicap that can benefit from services.

Health: Aids and appliances stores.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides community education; information and referral; 24-hour telephone tape.
Reading: Transcribes print materials into braille and tape. Large print service photo-enlarges standard print into large print.
Residential: Dormitories for multihandicapped students; residential apartments for adults.
Rehabilitation: Activity program for blind retarded adults. Activities of daily living, communications skills, mobility and pre-vocational skills.
Publications: Publishes braille, cassette, and large print bimonthly contact newsletter. Publishes aid and appliances catalog in large print, cassette, and braille.

Local Offices:
Fitchburg: 91 South Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420 (617) 345-1100.
Leominster: 26 Main Street, Leominster, MA 01453 (617) 537-1514.
Springfield: 3 Locust Street, Springfield, MA 01108 (413) 734-7343.
Worcester: 51 Harvard Street, Worcester, MA 01609 (617) 791-8237.

Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Inc.
1010 Harrison
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 445-0606
Joel H. Smith, Director of Human Services Department

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disabled, physically disabled.
Funded By: Fees, workshop, sub-contracts, grants.
Staff: 45 full time, 3 part time.
Eligibility: Referred by state or private agency, minimal self care, mobility.
Age Requirements: 16 years or older.

Health: General medical services. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation;

psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; other multiply handicapped. Programs: vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training.
Rehabilitation: Home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Overnight camp. Refers for adult continuing education.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for vending stand training.

New England Home for the Deaf (Aged, Blind or Infirm)

154 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923
(617) 774-0445
Eddy F. Laird, Executive Director

Mission: Services for the blind and deaf aged.
Funded By: Endowment and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1901.

Residential: Facilities for aging deaf men and women. Also accepts deaf-blind persons.

Protestant Guild for the Blind

411 Waverly Oaks Road
Waltham, MA 02154
(617) 893-6000
Edmund T. Hagerty, Executive Director

Funded By: Membership donations, churches, civic organizations, and endowment.
Budget: 1986: $2,500,000.
Staff: 80 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Eligibility: Blind, visually impaired, or multiply handicapped.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 16 years and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Information and referral service.
Educational: Operates Learning Center for Multiply Handicapped.
Professional Training: Fieldwork placement for teachers.
Residential: 5 community residences.
Rehabilitation: Provides visitation program for elderly blind in nursing and private homes.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Vision Foundation, Inc.

818 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 926-4232 OR Toll-free in Massachusetts (1-800) 852-3029
Barbara J. Kibler, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Sub-contracts, memberships, grants, individuals, corporations foundations, and sales.
Budget: 1986: $160,000.
Staff: 2 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Inc. 1976.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Transportation: Provided to self-help group meetings.

Health: Refers for medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Peer counseling; buddy telephone system; referral to community services, other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: In-service training for peer counselors, volunteers, staff.
Reading: Information and referral; telephone information tape; resources in special media.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.
Employment: Career support system; visually impaired volunteer placement. Refers for other employment orientation services.
Publications: *Vision Views,* quarterly cassette and large print newsletter; Vision Resource List, large print, cassette; *Coping With Sight: The Vision Resource Book,* large print; *Resource Update,* monthly cassette newsletter.

Service for elders: Survival Skills training for visually impaired elders age 60 and over, who are not legally blind; self-help groups for elders; outreach programs.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Project CABLE

Carroll Center for the Blind
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02158-2597
(617) 969-6200
Dina Rosenbaum, Director, Computer Training

Computer Training: 1 full-time, 1 part-time instructor; training averages 1-3 weeks.

Low Vision Centers

Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
59 North Pearl Street
Brockton, MA 02401
(617) 588-4111
Lawrence Weene, M.D., President

Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, Inc.
101 Tremont Street, Room #608
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 542-9200
Carmine A. Guida, O.D.

Beth Israel Hospital
330 Brookline Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 735-3295
Dr. David Miller, Ophthalmologist in Chief

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.
Hours of Operation: Wed. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Fri. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.
Eligibility: Referral and current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling available.
Low Vision: On-site training provided; referrals for devices as necessary.
Low Vision Aids: Loan without charge; variable charges for prescription/fittings.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Carroll Center for the Blind
Low Vision Rehabilitation Center
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02158-2597
(617) 969-6200

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Hours of Operation: One afternoon a week.
Staff: Optometrist; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; ophthalmologist; psychologist/counselor; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Legally blind, residents of Carroll Center Rehabilitation Program.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 2 months.

Further information: Robert McGillivray.

Joslin Diabetes Center/William P. Beetham Eye Research and Treatment Unit
One Joslin Place
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 732-2552 OR 732-2554
Lloyd M. Aiello, M.D., Director
Richard M. Calderon, O.D.
Robert A. Poole, O.D.
Jerry D. Cavallerano, O.D., Ph.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmic photographer; ophthalmic technician; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students; optometry residents; nurse; special educator.
Eligibility: Diabetic or referred by ophthalmologist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan or purchase; on-site training provided.

Further information: Dr. Calderon, Dr. Poole, or Dr. Cavallerano.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Rehabilitation Center
Low Vision Service
243 Charles Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 523-2203
Joel A. Kraut, M.D., Director
Paulette D. Turco, O.D., Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon. 8:30 AM-12:00 PM; Thurs. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM; Fri. 8:30 PM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologists; optometrist; opticians; social workers; psychiatrist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Rehabilitation: Referrals to community services and other rehabilitation services.

Low Vision Aids: For trial, purchase; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview and visits to home, school, and place of employment.

Further information: Dr. Turco.

Mercy Hospital/Vision Rehabilitation Clinic
233 Carew Street
Springfield, MA 01104
(417) 781-9100, ext. 5450
Freeman Botnick, M.D., Medical Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; social worker.
Eligibility: Referral, ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

Further information: Joan Walker, Social Worker Coordinator.

New England College of Optometry, Low Vision Clinic
1255 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 262-2020 OR 266-2030, ext. 118
John E. Assarkof, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon. and Tues., AM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; low vision assistant; social worker; ophthalmologist; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no fee charged; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview, questionnaire, home visit, school visit or visit to place of employment in 1 month.

Further information: Dr. Assarkof.

New England Medical Center Department of Ophthalmology
750 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 956-5743
Eli Peli, O.D., Director of Low Vision Service

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and by appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmology resident; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/technician; social worker; ophthalmologist; psychologist/counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

Retina Associates/Low Vision Rehabilitation Center
100 Charles River Plaza
Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 523-7810
Gerald Friedman, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; optician; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist; bioengineers; psychophysics Ph.D.
Eligibility: Referral only.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fees; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview, questionnaire, home visit, school visit or visit to place of employment in 1 month.

Further information: Dr. Friedman.

University Hospital, Vision Rehabilitation Clinic
Gunderson Eye Clinic
720 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
(617) 247-5634

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Thurs., Fri.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview in 1 month; home visits made rarely.

Further information: Lynn McComiskey, Social Worker.

MICHIGAN

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Michigan Department of Education
Special Education Services
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-9433
Dr. Philip E. Runkel, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Edward Birch, Director of Special Education
Dr. Deborah Livingston-White, Special Education Consultant
Jan Baxter, Special Education Service Supervisor, (517) 373-8215
Cecelia Mobley, Early Childhood Consultant, (517) 373-8483
Jim Rudolph, Special Education Evaluator, (517) 373-1830

Mission: Conducts statewide educational planning for the handicapped in Michigan. Provides both guidelines and directives to intermediate and local districts for the purposes of publicizing and monitoring comprehensive continuum of services mandated for all handicapped students ages 0-25. Also administers federal quota of American Printing House for the Blind resources for both residential and local school students through the state school.
Funded By: State and federal funds.

SCHOOLS

Michigan School for the Blind
715 West Willow Street
Lansing, MI 48913
(517) 334-6650
Velma P. Allen, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically handicapped, mentally retarded.
Budget: 1987: $5,000,000.
Staff: 109 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1879.
Eligibility: Legally blind state resident, referred.
Age Requirements: 0 to 25 years.
Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; low vision service; low vision aids; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: General academic; career education; ungraded secondary for adult multiply handicapped, deaf-blind and severely multiply handicapped.
Professional Training: Low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; field placement. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.
Residential: Cottages on 42-acre campus one mile from State Capitol Building. Emphasis on training in cooperation with school program.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Leisure services; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; bowling; swimming; skiing; ice skating; horseback riding.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career skill counseling; occupational skill development; training in massage therapy. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for employment services.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Dr. Velma Allen, Superintendent.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Intermediate Schools
1691 M-32
Alpena, MI 49707
(517) 354-3101
Vicki Wozniak, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, private donations, state funds.
Staff: 22 full time (includes teachers of visually handicapped children, psychologist, occupational/speech/physical therapist); 4 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1951.
Area Served: Alpena, Montmorency and Alcona counties.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Orientation/mobility available on consultant or referral basis.

Home and center-based programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps. Consultant services to other schools and programs.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

College of Education
Wayne State University
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-0988
Kenneth A. Hanninen, Professor

Groups Served: College students.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Library of Michigan Media Center for the Visually Impaired
Pine at Maple Street
Lansing, MI 48913
(517) 373-9628
Charles Harper, Head Librarian

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Library of Michigan Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 30007
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-1590
Margaret Wolfe, Regional Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, newsletters.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Michigan Association of Transcribers for the Visually Impaired
1400 North Drake Road, #218
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(616) 381-9566
Elizabeth M. Lennon, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Michigan Braille Transcription Service
4000 Cooper Street
Jackson, MI 49201
Ralph J. Hoffman, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Eastern Michigan University
Department of Special Education
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Dr. George Barach, (313) 487-0028

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's) program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Michigan State University
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology
336 Erickson Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824
Mrs. Lou Alonso, (517) 355-1871

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped; program for dual competency teachers of the visually handicapped/orientation and mobility specialists.

Wayne State University
Teacher Education Division
Detroit, MI 48202
Dr. Kenneth A. Hanninen, Visually Handicapped, (313) 577-0946
Dr. Marshal Zumberg, Multihandicapped Blind

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped.

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
Alonzo E. Hannaford, Department of Special Education, (616) 387-5935
Dr. William Wiener, Department of Blind Rehabilitation, (616) 387-3455

Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped; Master's program for orientation and mobility specialists, rehabilitation teachers of the blind, and dual competency teachers of the visually handicapped/ orientation and mobility.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Detroit Radio Information Service for the Print Handicapped (R)
5057 Woodward Avenue, 15th Floor
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-4146
Robert B. Jones, Program Coordinator

Hours of Operation: 24 hours, 7 days a week.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Greater Detroit area and Windsor area.

Receivers Distributed: 800; Estimated Listenership: 1,200.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WDET-FM, Detroit, 101.9, SCA, NPR.

Sight Seer (I)
West Michigan Radio Reading Service
1331 Franklin Street, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 452-9713, ext. 258
Ken Van Prooyen, Sr., Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: 35-mile radius from Grand Rapids on local station, 100-mile radius from Grand Rapids on regional station.

Receivers Distributed: 300, Regional Station-1987; 196, Local Station.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WGNR-FM, Grand Rapids, 88.9, SCA, WXMI - TV, Middleville, SCA.
Cable: Available 1988.

WKAR Radio Talking Book (R)
c/o WKAR Radio
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1212
(517) 353-9124
Cynthia Herfindahl, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 AM-11:00 PM; Sat. and Sun. 6:00 AM-11:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: 60-mile radius from East Lansing.

Receivers Distributed: 6,400; Estimated Listenership: 1,400.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WKAR-FM, EAST LANSING, 90.5, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Library of Michigan Media Center for the Visually Impaired
Pine at Maple Street
Lansing, MI 48913
(517) 373-9628
Charles Harper, Head Librarian

Type of Agency: State.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Age Requirements: 0-26 years.

Offers/lends cassette tape players, braille books, large print books. Also offers book selection and information/referral services.

Library of Michigan
Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 30007
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-1590
Margaret Wolfe, Regional Librarian

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1928.
Area Served: Michigan, excluding Wayne County, with recorded materials, talking book machines, cassette machines and their accessories. Serves entire state, including Wayne County, with braille.

Regional library supplying recorded materials, talking book machines, cassette machines.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

Recording for the Blind
2480 Opdyke Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013
(313) 642-4561

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
Wayne State University Science Library, Room 21
5048 Gullen Mall
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 833-0048

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Detroit Volunteer Information Resource Center
26120 Stratford Place
Oak Park, MI 48237
(313) 559-9077
Leonard and Sylvia Handler, Contact persons

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Grand Rapids Volunteer Information Resource Center
1055 Ferris Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 784-9281
Beverly Breas, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Saginaw Valley Volunteer Information Resource Center
2514 Hermansau
Saginaw, MI 48602
(517) 755-2762
Margaret Ryan, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Wayne County Library
Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
33030 Van Born Road
Wayne, MI 48184
(313) 274-2600
Steve Gulvezan, Regional Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Area Served: Wayne County.

Regional library supplying talking books, large type books, tapes, cassettes and talking book machines. Has volunteer taping group.

See also in national listings:

Council of Citizens with Low Vision

International Institute for Visually Impaired, 0-7

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Michigan Commission for the Blind/Department of Labor
309 North Washington
P.O. Box 30015
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-2062
Philip E. Peterson, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Federal and state funds.
History/Date: Est. 1944.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; spectacles; low vision clinic.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling and referral.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation and mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service.
Computer Training: 2 instructors; training sequence: as needed by client and determined by job requirements. Further information: Robert Tinney, (616) 385-1294; Roger Yake, (616) 385-1550.
Low Vision: Low vision evaluation and aids for children.

Local Offices:

Ann Arbor: Commission for the Blind, Washtenaw County Department of Social Services, 2350 West Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (313) 994-1881.
Detroit: Commission for the Blind, State of Michigan

Plaza Building, South Tower, 11th Floor, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 256-1524.
Escanaba: Commission for the Blind, State Office Building, 305 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 (906) 786-8602.
Flint: Commission for the Blind, Flint State Office Building, 125 East Union, Flint, MI 48502 (313) 233-3520.
Gaylord: Commission for the Blind, 209 First Street, Gaylord, MI 49735 (517) 732-2448.
Grand Rapids: Commission for the Blind, State Office Building, 4th Floor, 350 Ottawa, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 451-8265.
Kalamazoo: Commission for the Blind, 1541 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 (616) 385-1294.
Lansing: Commission for the Blind, 309 North Washington, P.O. Box 30015, Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 373-6425.
Saginaw: Commission for the Blind, Saginaw State Office Building, 411-G East Genesee, Saginaw, MI 48607 (517) 771-1765.

REHABILITATION

Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology Low Vision Program/Friends of Low Vision

15415 East Jefferson
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
(313) 824-4710
Philip C. Hessburg, M.D., Medical Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Low vision and community services, including support groups.
Staff: 2 full time, 1 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1972.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Support groups/ workshops on mobility and daily living skills for visually impaired.
Reading: Circulates cassette tape of local newspaper to members of support groups.
Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase.

Detroit Receiving Hospital/University Health Center, Visually Handicapped Department

4201 St. Antoine
Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 494-4510
Lyle H. Thume, Chief of Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, mentally retarded.
Funded By: Flat hourly rate, demonstration grants.
Staff: 7 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1964.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Health: General medical services; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies in other counseling/social work services.
Educational: College prep program.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; large print books; information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; computerized speech synthesis; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career counseling.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit

3132 Trumbull
Detroit, MI 48216
(313) 964-3900
W. D. Wisecarver, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally disabled, other physically disabled.
History/Date: Est. 1921.
Eligibility: Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped, other multiply handicapped.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling, group work and counseling.
Educational: Vocational/skill development.
Rehabilitation: Handy-Aids sales of material and equipment for the blind.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; work adjustment; job placement; sheltered employment.

Local Offices:

Detroit: Handy Aids, 1401 Ash, Detroit, MI 48208 (313) 964-5556.

Detroit: St. Ambrose, 1200 Alter Road, Detroit, MI 48215 (313) 824-1170.
Detroit: Salvage, 7940 Livernois, Detroit, MI 48210 (313) 898-2040.
Mt. Clemens: Macomb, 195 Malow, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (313) 465-3707.
Ortonville: Suburban Oakland Life Enrichment Center, 200 Varsity Drive, Ortonville, MI 48462 (313) 627-4905.
Taylor: South West Wayne Vocational Project, 20169 Northline, Taylor, MI 48180 (313) 287-9600.

Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, Inc.

501 South Averill Avenue
Flint, MI 48506
(313) 762-9960
Gerald A. Kane, Executive Director

Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, fees, contributions and United Way.
Budget: 1987: $3,167,000.
Staff: 16 full time, 2 part time.
History/Date: Inc. 1938.
Eligibility: Any handicap.
Age Requirements: 16 and over.

Health: Diagnostic medical examination.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services.
Educational: Job readiness and job seeking skills.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services; sheltered workshops.

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind

16625 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 272-3900
Carroll L. Jackson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, contributions, endowments, bequests, and sub-contracts from the state of Michigan.
History/Date: Inc. 1961.
Eligibility: Legally blind, blind, and visually impaired.

Health: Prevention of blindness and public education programs.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychosocial assessment; individual and group counseling; referral to community resources. Serves family members as well as clients. Specialized services for children include developmental intervention, parent counseling, and school consultation.
Professional Training: Internships/fieldwork placements for rehabilitation teaching, occupational therapy, social work, child development. In-service workshops and training opportunities.
Reading: Computerized braille embossing center for braille transcription.
Rehabilitation: Individual and group rehabilitation teaching in client's home or the community. Personal adjustment training; communications systems and media; home management; follow-up training for low vision clinics; leisure activities; limited orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Provides consultation to other agencies in cases where blindness is a secondary disability.
Recreational: Deaf/blind club for social interaction and ongoing case management services.
Employment: Consultation, specialized information services. Use of 4-Sights Network, a national computer system for vocational, educational, technological, and professional information for the blind and visually impaired.

Michigan Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

1541 Oakland Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(616) 385-1550
Paul Glatz, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded.
Funded By: State and federal grants.
Staff: 32 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1969.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 16 years or older.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy. Contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation counseling, social work, vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training program. Modified short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; industrial arts; adaptive kitchen skills.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; offers instruction and/or assistance for any student activity. Refers to community programs for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; vending facility training.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Penrickton Center for Blind Children
26530 Eureka Road
Taylor, MI 48180
(313) 946-7500
Kum M. Sebaly, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically handicapped.
Funded By: Fund raising, donations.
Staff: 22 full time, 19 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Eligibility: Blind or legally blind having at least one additional handicap.
Age Requirements: 12 years and under.

Health: Occupational therapy; speech pathology; nursing.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; developmental testing and evaluation; family counseling; referral to community services.
Educational: Children over 3 attend community programs. Children under 3 may receive on-ground community programming.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; listening skills; sensory training; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; physical education; music therapy.

Vision Enrichment Services
215 Sheldon, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1187
William J. Leeder, Jr., Executive Vice President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired; any connection with blindness.
Funded By: Fees, United Way and capital income.
Budget: 1987: $440,000.
Staff: 10 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1913.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 650.
Eligibility: Any problem related to vision.

Health: Complete low vision service. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Information and referral; transcription to braille.
Rehabilitation: All rehabilitation services available in client's home and community, except low vision clinic; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.
Recreational: Arts and crafts. Provides consultation to other agencies on other recreational services.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription of aids.

Visually Impaired Center, Inc.
725 Mason Street
Flint, MI 48503
(313) 235-2544
Laurie MacArthur, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fees, United Way.
Staff: 9 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1986.
Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand; Optacon.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; Optacon training; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Refers for other services.

Recreational: Bowling. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Welcome Home for the Blind, Inc.
1953 Monroe Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
(616) 363-9088
Caroline G. Haas, Director

Funded By: Lions Club of Michigan.
Staff: 19 full time, 6 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Eligibility: Legally blind, ambulatory, ability to dress and care for normal personal needs.
Transportation: Y.

Residential: Home for blind men and women including those with hearing impairments.
Recreational: Opportunities provided in and out of home; bowling; crafts.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Visually Impaired Center, Inc.
725 Mason Street
Flint, MI 48503
(313) 235-2544
Laurie MacArthur, Executive Director

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices. Two full-time instructors; training varies.

Further information: Kathy Swann, Vocational Instructor.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 Rochester Road
Rochester, MI 48063
(313) 651-9011
Harold L. Pocklington, Vice Pres./Exec. Dir.

Mission: Trains dogs to serve as guides for blind persons. Conducts a supervised course of training to coordinate the work of blind persons with their dogs.

Low Vision Centers

Michigan Ophthalmological Society
405 Beaumont Medical Building
Royal Oaks, MI 48072
(313) 288-2191
Frederick W. Bryant, M.D., President

Michigan Optometric Association
530 West Ionia Street, Suite A
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 482-0616
William Dansby, C.A.E.

Burns Clinic Medical Center Low Vision Clinic
560 West Mitchell
Petoskey, MI 49770
(616) 347-7000
John H. Tanton, M.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants, state funds.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
Physical Facility: Ophthalmology Department, Burns Clinic Medical Center.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; audiologist; psychologist.
Eligibility: Referral and current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Primarily northern lower Michigan and eastern upper peninsula.

Low Vision: Evaluation interview to obtain visual history; examination; on and off site.
Low Vision Aids: Provided for loan/purchase; prescriptions and fittings.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interview; referrals.

College of Optometry, Ferris State College
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(616) 769-0461, ext. 3043
C. Allyn Uniacke, O.D., Ph.D., Chief, Low Vision Service

Funded By: Commission for the Blind, patient fees, Ferris State College.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 1:00-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Michigan and Indiana.

Low Vision Aids: Rents or sells aids; closed circuit television will be recommended where it can be obtained.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: C. Allyn Uniacke.

Henry Ford Hospital/Department of Ophthalmology
2799 West Grand Boulevard
Suite 1037
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 857-3229
Susan R Gormezano, O.D.

Kresge Eye Institute Low Vision Service
3994 John Road
Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 577-1220
Shirley Sherrod, M.D., Director, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Computer access available.
Low Vision: On-site training available.
Low Vision Aids: Loan/sell, prescribed/fitted.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Low Vision Consultants
117 South Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(313) 665-5306
Steven I. Bennett, F.A.A.O., Certified Low Vision Consultant

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon. 9:30 AM-8:30 PM; Wed. 2:00 PM-5:30 PM; Thurs. and Fri. 9:30 AM-5:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist.
Eligibility: Complete medical workup.
Area Served: Michigan, referrals from Ohio and Indiana.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; sells.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: Steven I. Bennett.

Saginaw Valley Special Needs Vision Clinic
3660 Southfield Drive
Saginaw, MI 48601
(517) 777-1040
Holly Ann Mahony, Administrative Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Foundation grants, private funds, service organizations.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:10 AM-3:30 PM.
Staff: Audiologist; counselor; occupational therapist; orientation/mobility instructor; optometrist; optometry student; psychologist; social worker; special educator.
Eligibility: Referral; state residence.
Area Served: Nine Michigan counties: Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, Midland, Lapeer, Tuscola, Gratiot, Isabella, Huron.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; sold at cost; prescribed and fitted at no charge. On-site and in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview; varies according to patient.

Further information: Holly Ann Mahony.

Vision Enrichment Services
215 Sheldon, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1187
Gordon Deur, O.D., Medical Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: District 11-C-1 Lions Clubs, Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, United Way of Kent County, United Way of Muskegon County, client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.
Eligibility: Referral by ophthalmologist or optometrist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or home visit in 1 month; after 1 month, as needed.

Further information: Betty Rittersdorf, Low Vision Coordinator.

Vision Rehabilitation Institute, Sinai Hospital
14800 West McNichols, Suite 012
Detroit, MI 48235
(313) 493-5514
Hugh Beckman, M.D., Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology
Ernest M. Gaynes, O.D., Research Director

Funded By: Sinai Hospital of Detroit.
Hours of Operation: Mon., Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/technician; social worker; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational

therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; a rental fee is charged; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment; by questionaire.

Further information: Jacquelyn Williams, Vision Therapist.

Western Michigan University
Low Vision Clinic
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(616) 387-3455
Robert Unser, O.D.
Tressa Adams, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Wed. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: Eye report; referral; functional impairment due to poor vision.
Area Served: Michigan.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no fee; on-site training provided.

Further information: James Leja, Coordinator.

MINNESOTA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Minnesota Department of Education
Unique Learning Center
812 Capitol Square Building
550 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 296-4163
Norena Hale, Unique Education Section Manager

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Minnesota.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides consultation on educational services to local schools and to the state residential school.
Reading: Provides reader service and special materials as needed.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools or director of special education in the area.

SCHOOLS

Minnesota State Academy for the Blind
Highway 298
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3226
Wade M. Karli, Superintendent

Mission: Services for visually impaired and deaf-blind.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1866.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Area Served: Minnesota.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 4-21 years.

Health: Occupational therapy; physical therapy; contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Career and guidance counseling.
Educational: K through 12th grade.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics.
Recreational: Recreational therapy.
Employment: Vocational training; work adjustment program; refers for other vocational services.

Contact: Bill Kazee, Principal, Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, P.O. Box 68, Faribault, MN 55021 (507) 332-3227.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

J.I.S.D. #287/Hennepin Technical Centers
1820 North Xenium Lane
Minneapolis, MN 55441
(612) 559-3535
R. Carter, Superintendent
R. Manning, Special Education Director

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 9 full time for total vision program (includes visually handicapped and dually certified teachers). Advisory board with parent members for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: Western metropolitan area of the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Provides instruction in orientation/mobility, visual development, use of special or adaptive equipment. Consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children.

Publications: *Can I Say, See, and Look?*

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Minnesota Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3279 OR Toll-free in Minnesota (1-800) 722-0550
Myrna Wright, Head Librarian

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped/Communication Center
1745 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104

(612) 642-0502 OR Toll-free in Minnesota (1-800) 722-0550
Jim Judd, Director, Communication Center

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Mankato State University
Rehabilitation Counseling Department
Box 52
Mankato, MN 56001
Dr. Richard Ugland, (507) 389-1318

Graduate (Master's) program for rehabilitation counselor education.

University of Minnesota
Department of Educational Psychology
229 Burton Hall, 178 Pillsbury Drive, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Dr. Marie Knowlton, (612) 624-1859

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped. Additional casework and related field emphasis available in early childhood, mental retardation, administration, and rehabilitation.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Radio Talking Book Network (S)
Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped/Communication Center
1745 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 642-0503
Jim Judd, Director, Communication Center

Hours of Operation: 24 hours daily.
History/Date: Est. 1969.
Area Served: State of Minnesota, portion of eastern South Dakota.

Receivers Distributed: 6,000; Estimated Listenership: 6,500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: Studios in St. Paul and on-site locations; fed via telephone line or microwave to Bemidji, Collegeville, Duluth, Ely (translator), Grand Rapids, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Moorhead, Morris (translator), Pipestone, Rochester (translator), Rushford (all in Minnesota); Houghton, Michigan, Grand Forks, North Dakota; Brookings and Vermillion, South Dakota. All stations FM, SCA, NPR, or NPR(A).
Cable: Most systems in Minnesota FM SCA.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Ephphatha Services of the American Lutheran Church
Ministry with Persons with Disabilities
P.O. Box 15167
Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 330-3537
Dr. Lawrence Bunde, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services and resources for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically disabled; deaf; chronically mentally ill.
Funded By: American Lutheran Church.
Staff: 7 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1900.

Lends cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services by request.

Minnesota Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3279 OR Toll-free in Minnesota (1-800) 722-0550
Myrna Wright, Head Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Minnesota.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large type books and cassettes.

Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness
1208 Pioneer Building
St. Paul, MN 55101
(312) 227-8808

Mission: School/industry education.

Professional Training: Continuing education programs and seminars for medical and health professionals.

Publications: Publishes information on preventing blindness, including program report.

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped/Communication Center

1745 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 642-0502 OR Toll-free in Minnesota (1-800) 652-9000
Jim Judd, Director, Communication Center

Radio talking book; tape and braille library; distributor of talking book machines; original transcriptions for educational material in braille and tape.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Minnesota Chapter

P.O. Box 24231
Edina, MN 55424
(612) 929-6371
Peter Karos, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology

Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

1745 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 642-0508
Rick Hokanson, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for blind, visually impaired, physically handicapped, deaf-blind.
Funded By: Public funds and contributions from private foundations.
Budget: 1987: $8 million.
Staff: 146 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1923.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Health: Diagnostic services; low vision rehabilitation services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation to parents and schools.
Professional Training: Internship in rehabilitation counseling.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; reader service; closed frequency radio broadcasting.
Rehabilitation: Independent living rehabilitation services; home mechanics; home economics; orientation/mobility; communications.
Recreational: Provides consultation to other agencies.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training; home employment programs.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Brainerd: Services for the Blind, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401 (218) 828-2490.
Duluth: Services for the Blind, 320 West Second Street, Room 111, Duluth, MN 56802 (218) 723-4600.
Mankato: Services for the Blind, 709 South Front Street, Mankato, MN 56001 (507) 389-6324.
Marshall: Services for the Blind, 1210 East College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258 (507) 537-7114.
Moorhead: Services for the Blind, Townsite Centre, 810 Fourth Avenue South, Moorhead, MN 56560 (218) 236-2422.
Rochester: Services for the Blind, 717 Third Avenue SE, Rochester, MN 55901 (507) 285-7282.
St. Cloud: Services for the Blind, 810 West St. Germain, Room 301, St. Cloud, MN 56301 (612) 255-2254.
St. Paul: Communication Center, 1745 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55104 (612) 642-0502.
St. Paul: Services for the Blind, Deaf-Blind Unit, 1745 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104 (612) 642-0504; TTY (612) 642-0506.

REHABILITATION

Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind

2701 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55806
(218) 624-4828
Michael Conlan, Executive Director

Funded By: Workshop and sub-contract sales; fees; endowment and contributions; United Way.
Budget: 1986: $1,500,000.
Staff: 17 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1919.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 390.
Area Served: Duluth, northwest Wisconsin and northeast Minnesota.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Health: Diabetes information services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services; individual, group and family counseling.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; talking calculators; communication skills; itinerant rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Instruction in leisure skills.
Employment: Evaluation and training in industrial skills; work activity center.
Low Vision Aids: Sells aids and appliances.

Minneapolis Society for the Blind
1936 Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-2222
Jane Pazlar, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees; United Way; workshop sales; capital funds; grants and contributions.
Budget: 1985: $3,300,000.
Staff: 45 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1917.
Eligibility: 20/60 vision or less or field restriction.
Age Requirements: Preferably over 15 years.

Health: Diabetes information service; physical conditioning. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Group, individual and family. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies in other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Remedial tutorial services; high school equivalency preparation; diabetic education.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching.
Reading: Information and referral.
Residential: Non-residential facility. Uses community housing facilities.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille and talking calculator; typing; handwriting; Optacon; crafts and shop; electronic mobility aids; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and other community settings. Contracts for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Refers for recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up services.

St. Paul Society for the Blind
216 South Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55107
(612) 224-7662
Steven A. Fischer, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, sub-contracts.
Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Inc. 1955.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 1,500.
Eligibility: Handicapped with priority given to blind.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Over 16 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Intake and need assessment; individual counseling; support group. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; use of electronic reading aids; listening skills; home management; rehabilitation teaching in the client's home and classes; orientation/mobility training.
Recreational: Special programs for blind and visually handicapped. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; job retention; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; and business to business telemarketing.

Low Vision Centers

Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology
414 Central Medical Building
393 North Dunlap
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 646-7419
Martin G. Bruhl, M.D., President

Minnesota Optometric Association, Inc.
1821 University Avenue, Suite S207
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 646-2883
Marvin C. Lundin

Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN 55905
(507) 284-2744
Patrick J. Fitzpatrick, M.D.

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. by appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmology technician.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Examinations.
Low Vision Aids: Low vision aid prescriptions. Low vision optical aid rooms. Dispenses prescriptions. No loans.
Low Vision Follow-up: On regular basis.

Referrals to State Division for Rehabilitation.
Further information: Dr. Fitzpatrick.

Minneapolis Society for the Blind/Low Vision Resources
1936 Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-2222
James M. La May, Director, Low Vision

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants, third-party payments.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.
Eligibility: Current ophthalmological/optometric report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: On-site/in-home training provided.
Low Vision Aids: On trial loan; no charge other than initial service fee.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interview.

St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center Low Vision Clinic
640 Jackson Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 221-8782
Budd Appleton, M.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; county and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 8:30 AM -12 noon.
Staff: Ophthalmic technician; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker.
Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Dr. Appleton.

University of Minnesota, Department of Ophthalmology
Box 493, Mayo Building
420 Delaware Street, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
(617) 373-8425
George T. Tani, M.D., Clinical Professor
Jonathan D. Wirtschafter, M.D., Professor

Funded By: Client fees; private donors; Lions Club.
Hours of Operation: 1/2 day per week.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic assistant/technician; ophthalmic nurse.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Some provided on loan for trial; on-site training is provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: None.

Further information: Dr. Tani.

MISSISSIPPI
Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Mississippi Department of Education
Sillers State Office Building
Jackson, MS 39205
(601) 359-3513
Dr. Richard A. Boyd, Superintendent

Mission: Serves as registration agency for blind and partially sighted students in public schools who are eligible for American Printing House for the Blind materials. Approves programs for visually handicapped in public schools.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Mississippi.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Mississippi School for the Blind
1252 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 982-6175
R. C. Benton, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; partially sighted; deaf-blind; multihandicapped.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1848.
Eligibility: 50 percent loss of vision; resident of Mississippi.
Area Served: Mississippi.
Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: General medical services; refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Consultation provided to other schools and agencies upon request.
Educational: Grades K-12, deaf-blind-multihandicapped unit. Programs: general academic; vocational skill development; daily living. Ages 5-21, school program; 0-21 homebound program.
Preschools: Homebound program; developmental training/orientation.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement. In-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books and magazines; large print books; recorded magazines; Optacon.
Residential: Dormitories for residential students.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home economics; refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Afterschool activities; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading; arts and crafts. Refers for other recreation services. Summer camp for blind and visually impaired children who are not enrolled in the residential or regular academic program.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation and skill counseling; occupational skill development; office occupational.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Mississippi School for the Blind
1252 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 982-6175
R. C. Benton, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State residential school.
Funded By: Title I, P.L. 89-313.
Staff: 2 full time (visually handicapped and early childhood teachers). Orientation/mobility specialist, other related services personnel available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: Mississippi.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling.
Educational: Adaptive equipment. Provides instruction in all developmental areas.
Low Vision: Exams available on referral basis.

Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other impairments.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Mississippi Library Commission, Service for the Handicapped
5455 Executive Place
Jackson, MS 39206
(601) 354-7208

Patricia Beard, Head, Services for the Handicapped

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Mississippi School for the Blind
1252 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 982-6175
R. C. Benton, Superintendent

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind
P.O. Box 4872
5455 Executive Place
Jackson, MS 39216-0872
(601) 354-6411
Dr. J. Elton Moore, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Jackson State University
Jackson, MS 39217
(601) 968-2370
Dr. Ruben Gentry

Undergraduate and graduate certification programs for teachers of the visually handicapped (coursework offered only when there is sufficient demand).

Mississippi State University
P.O. Drawer GE
Mississippi State, MS 39762
(601) 325-3331
Dr. J. Michael Peterson

Graduate (Master's) program for vocational specialists for the visually impaired.

Mississippi State University
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision
P.O. Drawer 6189
Mississippi State, MS 39762
(601) 325-2001
Dr. William H. Graves, Director

In-service and continuing education programs.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Mississippi Library Commission, Service for the Handicapped
5455 Executive Place
Jackson, MS 39206
(601) 354-7208
Patricia Beard, Head, Services for the Handicapped

Funded By: Public funds and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1970.
Area Served: Mississippi.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassettes and large type. Reader service and volunteer reading program available. Distributes talking book machines, cassette machines and attachments and renders repair service.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Mississippi Affiliate
115 Broadmoor Drive
Jackson, MS 39206-1899
(601) 362-6985
Wilma Blackmon, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind
P.O. Box 4872
5455 Executive Place
Jackson, MS 39216-0872
(601) 354-6411
Dr. J. Elton Moore, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: State and federal funds.
Staff: 104 full time, 2 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1928.
Eligibility: 25% loss of vision or progressive eye disease, which if not treated will lead to blindness or irreparable visual loss; must be reasonable expectation that services will lead to vocational objective.

Health: Low vision aids or devices. Contracts and refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Remedial.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.
Residential: Apartments and dormitories for adults, multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility. Provision of direct and purchased services for individuals not qualified for vocational rehabilitation but in need of intervention to pursue independent living goals.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other employment services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Regional Offices:

Gulfport: 3220 10th Street, Suite A, Box 4234, Gulfport, MS 39501 (601) 864-1516.
Jackson: 4801 North State Street, P.O. Box 9727, Jackson, MS 39206 (601) 354-7002.
Louisville: 203 North Columbus Avenue, P.O. Box 503, Louisville, MS 39339 (601) 773-7132.
Oxford: North Mississippi Retardation Center, Highway 7 South, P.O. Box 1111, Oxford, MS 38655 (601) 234-1476, ext. 200, 201.

Local Offices:

Carthage: 111 South Pearl, Carthage, MS 39051 (601) 267-7323.
Columbus: 413 4th Avenue South, P.O. Box 582, Columbus, MS 39701 (601) 328-8807.
Ellisville: Ellisville State School, Ellisville, MS 39437 (601) 477-9384.
Greenville: 1024 Washington Avenue, Suite 209, Greenville, MS 38701-3784 (601) 335-1502.
Greenwood: 713 Highway 49-82 By-pass, P.O. Box 767, Greenwood, MS 39830 (601) 455-1432.
Gulfport: 3220 10th Street, Suite B, Box 931, Gulfport, MS 39052-4234 (601) 863-1111.
Gulfport: 3220 10th Street, Suite C, Box 1811, Gulfport, MS 39502-1811 (601) 863-0111.
Hattiesburg: 100-A South Street, P.O. Box 429, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (601) 583-0141 or (601) 582-4581.
Jackson: Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 2550 Peachtree Street, P.O. Box 5314, Jackson, MS 39216-1314 (601) 354-6428.
Jackson: 4801 North State Street, Box 9727, Jackson, MS 39206-0727 (601) 354-7053, 354-7054, 354-6881.
Jackson: University Medical Center, P.O. Box 5314, Jackson, MS 39216-1314 (601) 354-6240.
Louisville: 203 North Columbus Avenue, P.O. Box 503, Louisville, MS 39339-0503 (601) 773-7132.
McComb: 300 Marion Avenue, Box 522, McComb, MS 39648-0522 (601) 684-3392.
Meridian: 1002 20th Street, P.O. Box 1547, Meridian, MS 39302-1547 (601) 693-6568.
Natchez: 114 Fry Building, Natchez, MS 39120-3297 (601) 442-7322.
Oxford: Highway 7 South, P.O. Box 1111, Oxford, MS 38655-1111 (601) 234-1476, ext. 250, 251.
Oxford: North Mississippi Retardation Center, Highway 7 South, P.O. Box 1111, Oxford, MS 38655-1111 (601) 234-1476, ext. 252, 253.
Tupelo: 615-A Pegram Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801-6321 (601) 844-5830.

REHABILITATION

Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

P.O. Box 5314
2550 Peachtree Street
Jackson, MS 39216-1314
(601) 354-6428
Louis G. Strickland, Director

Funded By: Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, Independent Living Services and fees for out-of-state trainees.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 208.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; deaf-blind or multihandicapped.
Area Served: Mississippi; accepts out-of-state referrals as space is available.

Health: General medical and opthamological evaluation.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Comprehensive

social and psychological evaluation; personal and group counseling provided.
Educational: Remedial; Optacon.
Reading: Library services; aids; computer literacy.
Residential: Dormitory space available for 34 trainees.
Rehabilitation: Home and personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Training and activities for independent participation in community programs.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; vocational information and job-seeking skills; vocational training in business enterprise program; clerical work and data entry.
Computer Training: Access.
Low Vision: Evaluation and training; specialized evaluation/treatment available on site; treatment and services as needed.

Royal Maid Association for the Blind, Inc.
Hansen Road
P.O. Drawer 30
Hazlehurst, MS 39083
(601) 894-1771
John L. Granger, President, C.E.O.

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; multiply handicapped blind; learning disabled blind; mentally retarded blind; emotionally disturbed blind; and clients with epilepsy and other disabilities if also blind.
Funded By: Workshop sales, rehabilitation teaching fees and contributions.
Staff: 45 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1966.
Age Requirements: 16 years and over.

Health: Contracts for medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual counseling.
Educational: Vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Regular training programs; summer and short-term training.
Residential: Group homes for developmentally disabled blind adults.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Contracts for recreational/leisure services. Evening and weekend programs.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops.

Local Offices:

Ellisville: Royal Maid/Ellisville State School Division, Ellisville, MS 39437.
Gulfport: Royal Maid/Gulfport Coast Division, Gulfport, MS 39501.
Tupelo: Royal Maid/Tupelo Division, Tupelo, MS 38801.
Whitfield: Royal Maid/Hudspeth Center, Whitfield, MS 39193.

Low Vision Centers

Mississippi Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Association
561 Medical Drive
Clarksdale, MS 38614
(601) 627-5256
Tom S. Cooper, M.D., President

Mississippi Optometric Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 16441
Jackson, MS 39236-0441
(601) 956-7412
Helen A. St. Clair

University Medical Center, Division of Ophthalmology
2500 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39216
(601) 984-5020
Samuel B. Johnson, M.D., Chairman of Ophthalmology

Funded By: Client fees and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 1 month.

Further information: Mark Cloer, Director, Low Vision.

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Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(314) 751-4909
Delores John, Director of Special Education
John Heskett, Coordinator of Special Education

Mission: Administers supplementary state funds for visually handicapped students attending local schools. Provides consultation on educational services.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Missouri.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Children's Center for the Visually Impaired
400 West 57th Street
Kansas City, MO 64113
(816) 333-3166
Mary Lynne Dolembo, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: Tuition, United Way, contracts, gifts and donations.
Budget: 1987: $226,000.
Staff: 1 full time, 12 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Age Requirements: 0-Kindergarten.

Health: Occupational and speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent counseling; placement in school; referral to community services; special workshops on parenting and related issues.
Preschools: Instruction in the home for children 0-2 years of age and families. Early childhood education for age 2 through kindergarten age.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; electronic mobility aids; occupational therapy; speech/language therapy; sensory training; orientation and mobility.
Recreational: Summer program for children 3-6 years.

Missouri School for the Blind
3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320
Louis M. Tutt, Superintendent

Funded By: State and federal funds.
Budget: 1987: $3,494,057.
Staff: 155.
History/Date: Est. 1851.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 115.
Eligibility: Legally blind; resident of Missouri.
Area Served: Missouri.
Age Requirements: 5-21 years.

Educational: Grades K-12. Educational programs for blind children, multiply handicapped blind and deaf-blind.
Residential: Dormitories.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Blue Springs Deaf-Blind School
16th and Vesper
Blue Springs, MO 64015
(816) 228-5929
Gail Sheehy, Principal

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: P.L. 94-142 monies.
Staff: 14 full time (includes teachers, occupational and speech therapists, and aides), 1 part time; uses volunteers as classroom and occupational therapy aides.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Transportation: Y.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; adaptive equipment. Center-based day program for severely handicapped/multihandicapped deaf-blind students from birth to 21 years of age.

Children's Center for the Visually Impaired
400 West 57th Street
Kansas City, MO 64113
(816) 333-3166

Mary Lynne Dolembo, Executive Director
Nancy A. Bump, Home/School Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations, income from capital funds, state funds, United Way, tuition from local school districts.
Staff: 3 full time (visually handicapped teacher, social worker); 10 part time (early childhood/visually handicapped teacher, occupational therapist); 30 volunteers. Physical therapist and medical specialist available as consultants.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Area Served: Serves 35-mile radius of Kansas City (consultation beyond in Kansas and Missouri).
Transportation: Y.

Health: Hearing screening; genetic counseling.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; other social and health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Educational: Parent training, adaptive physical education. Center-based program with home component providing direct instruction in all developmental areas.
Rehabilitation: Placement assistance, orientation/mobility, adaptive equipment.

Center-based program with home component for visually handicapped 0-3 years old, with or without other impairments. Classes for visually handicapped 3-5 year olds.
Consultant services to other programs available at all ages.

Delta Gamma Foundation for Visually Impaired Children of St. Louis, Missouri, Inc.

120 Henry Avenue
Manchester, MO 63011
(314) 256-3937 OR 256-3938
Harriet P. Foiles, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations, income from capital funds, local fund raising efforts.
Staff: 3 full-time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1951.
Area Served: Serves 50-mile radius (includes city of St. Louis; St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin counties).
Transportation: Y.

Health: Health and social services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent support group; parent counseling.
Preschools: Nursery and kindergarten; infant stimulation program. Provides instruction in most developmental areas.
Reading: Library.
Rehabilitation: Toy-lending program.

Home-and center-based programs for visually handicapped children, 0-5 years, with or without additional handicaps.
Consultant services to other programs.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Midwestern Braille Volunteers

122A West Lockwood
Webster Grove, MO 63119
(314) 962-7514
C. Howard Adams, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, miscellaneous.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320
Jean Bohs, Director, American Printing House Material Center

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

P.O. Box 1059
Independence, MO 64051
(816) 833-1000
Stephanie Kelley, Supervisor, Services for the Blind

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Special School District, Saint Louis County

12110 Clayton Road
Town & Country, MO 63131

(314) 569-8226
Jacqueline D. Ess, Area Vision Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, supplementary academic.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Talking Tapes for the Blind
7927 Big Bend Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 968-2557
Marianne Vahlkamp, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed with a charge.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Reader Information Service (R)
5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
(816) 276-1549
Ann Cartwright, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: 100-mile radius from Kansas City.

Receivers Distributed: 400; Estimated Listenership: 400.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KCUR-FM, Kansas City, 89.3, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Greater St. Louis Chapter
442 Bush Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011
(314) 394-6158
Diane Ginther, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Talking Tapes for the Blind
7927 Big Bend Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 968-2557
Marianne Vahlkamp, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Donations, contributions, yearly sale of calendars.
History/Date: Est. 1939.
Area Served: Missouri; some out-of-state service.

Records textbooks and other printed material not available elsewhere for the blind, visually disabled, and multiply handicapped.

Circulating library of 2,700 books on tape. Catalog available.

Wolfner Memorial Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1221 Locust Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 241-4227 OR Toll-free in Missouri (1-800) 392-2614
Pennie D. Peterson, Coordinator of Blind and Physically Handicapped Services

Funded By: General revenue.
History/Date: Est. 1924.
Area Served: Missouri.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large type magazines, tapes. Reader service available.

See also in national listings:

American Optometric Association

Lutheran Library for the Blind

Vision Service Plan National

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Missouri Bureau for the Blind
619 East Capital Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65103
(314) 751-4249
Dave Vogel, Deputy Director

Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1986: $4,000,000.
Staff: 89 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1915.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 10,000.
Eligibility: Legal blindness.
Area Served: Missouri.

Health: Vision screening and glaucoma testing services. Additional eye care services to eligible persons include diagnosis and follow-up treatment that may include surgery, hospitalization, eyeglasses, medication, and prostheses.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services; psychological testing; counseling with parents of blind children.
Preschools: Instruction in preschool developmental activities.
Rehabilitation: Diagnosis and evaluation; counseling and guidance; referral; physical and mental restoration; instruction in personal management, communication techniques, homemaking activities, travel; home mechanics and economics; orientation/mobility.
Employment: Evaluation; vocational training; job development and placement; support services; post-employment services; services to family members; training and placement of blind persons in vending facilities and other small business enterprises; supervision and management services.

Local Offices:
Jefferson City: 308 Chestnut Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 (314) 751-2714.
Kansas City: 615 East Thirteenth Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 (816) 274-6677.
St. Louis North: 4221 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis North, MO 63108 (314) 533-7817.
St. Louis South: 4225 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis South, MO 63108 (314) 533-6919.
Sikeston: P.O. Box 369, 103 East Kathleen, Sikeston, MO 63801 (314) 471-5430.
Springfield: 149 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65806 (417) 868-3386.

REHABILITATION

Alternatives for the Blind in Living and Employment
2545 South Hanley
St. Louis, MO 63144
(314) 647-7453
Annette Grove, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contracts for services; fees for services to state agencies; federal grants.
Staff: 14 full time, 1 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1972 and Inc. 1982.
Health: Contracts for and refers for medical services.
Educational: Adult continuing education; high school equivalency.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; Optacon; closed circuit television; VersaBraille; speech compressors.
Residential: Residential apartments for adults.
Rehabilitation: Braille, typing, handwriting and other communication skills; activities of daily living; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby group. Evening and weekend programs. Refers for other recreational/leisure services.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; work adjustment training; job readiness training.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Blind Girls Home, Inc.
221 West Washington Avenue
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 966-6034
Irene Menos, President

Type of Agency: Residential home for blind women.
Funded By: Contributions, endowment.
History/Date: Est. 1866.
Area Served: Missouri.

Delta Gamma Foundation for Visually Impaired Children of St. Louis, Missouri, Inc.
120 Henry Avenue
Manchester, MO 63011
(314) 256-3937 OR 256-3938
Harriet P. Foiles, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; multiply handicapped.
Funded By: Income from sales, capital funds, private donations, local fund raising.
Budget: 1986: $179,000.
Staff: 3 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1951.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts, refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.
Recreational: Refers for summer day camp.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
Great Plains Region Office
112 West Ninth Street
Suite 501
Kansas City, MO 64105
(816) 474-8299 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Kansas City Association for the Blind
1844 Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 421-5848
Thomas Healy, Executive Director

Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, and United Way.
Staff: 6 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1916.
Eligibility: Blind and/or severely handicapped.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; sheltered workshop.

Lighthouse for the Blind
10440 Trenton Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132
(314) 423-4333
Paul A. Hennerich, Executive Director

Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, endowment.
History/Date: Est. 1933.
Area Served: St. Louis metropolitan area.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation services.
Rehabilitation: Personal management.
Employment: Evaluation and pre-vocational training. Sheltered workshop.

Rehabilitation Institute Program for Blind and Visually Impaired Adults
3011 Baltimore
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 756-2250
Don Harkins, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Comprehensive rehabilitation.
Funded By: Client fees.
Budget: 1987: $385,000.
Staff: 15.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Eligibility: Fee sponsorship, ability to take care of basic personal needs.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 14 years or over.

Health: Refers for eye health; provides occupational/physical/speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides social and psychological evaluation/testing, counseling. Refers for community services, school placement.
Educational: College prep and general academics for multiply handicapped.
Professional Training: Provides training/supervised fieldwork in occupational therapy and vocational evaluation.
Reading: Talking book record/cassette players; braille/recorded magazines; transcription; closed circuit television; information and referral services available.
Rehabilitation: Vocational/daily living/communication skills.
Recreational: Refers for continuing education, arts/crafts, programs for elderly.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; placement; training; follow-up services available. Refers for job re-training.
Low Vision: Refers for eye treatment, prescriptions/fittings.
Low Vision Aids: Sells, lends, rents.

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired
7954 Big Bend Boulevard
Webster Groves, MO 63119
(314) 968-9000
Marion P. Peck, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Capital income, community contributions and Lions Club.
Budget: 1986: $397,000.
Staff: 7 full time, 2 part time. Uses and trains volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1911.
Eligibility: Visually impaired and multihandicapped visually impaired.
Area Served: St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Health: Sponsors St. Louis Eye Bank. Public education program; eye safety programs for school and industry; post-operative eye care; visual acuity and glaucoma testing. Provides eyeglasses/prostheses for medically

indigent. Provides consulting services to low vision clinics and health care professionals.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual and group counseling; information and referral.
Professional Training: Low vision training. Provides in-service training for universities, schools and hospitals.
Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services at nursing homes, hospitals, technical schools, schools and universities.
Recreational: Tickets to baseball, symphony, Muni-opera. Refers for other recreational services. Helps Missouri Chapter of United States Association for Blind Athletes.
Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.
Low Vision Aids: Provides low vision aids.

Service Club for the Blind
4312 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 533-6716, 6718
Fred Keller, President

Mission: Services for children and adults. Emergency relief; clothing; medicine; improves home conditions.
Funded By: Endowment and contributions.
Staff: 4 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1934.
Eligibility: Less than 5 percent vision.
Area Served: St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Health: Sells aids and appliances on order.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services.
Employment: Home employment program.

Low Vision Centers

Missouri Ophthalmological Society
Mason Institute of Ophthalmology
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO 65212
(314) 882-1027
Joseph Giangiacomo, M.D., President

Missouri Optometric Association, Inc.
417 East High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101-3274
(314) 635-6151
Herman Oligschlaeger

Bethesda Eye Institute/St. Louis University
3655 Vista
St. Louis, MO 63033
(314) 772-9200, ext. 2574
David Schanzlin, Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Counselors; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students.
Eligibility: Referral and current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Loaned at no charge; sold at cost; prescribed/fitted.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center/VICTORS
4801 Linwood Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64128
(816) 861-4700, ext. 661, 662
Robert E. Carty, O.D., Chief, Optometry/VICTORS

Funded By: Federal funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.
Area Served: Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska; referrals from other areas considered.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visits; phone interviews; support groups.

Missouri School for the Blind
3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320
Harry Brady, M.D., Ophthalmologist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; special educator; psychologist/counselor; neurologist; speech therapist; physical therapist; pediatrician.
Eligibility: 5 years or older; state resident; must meet ophthalmological requirement for legal blindness.
Area Served: Missouri.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 2 months, then yearly.

Further information: Donna Hecke, C.P.N.P.

Optometric Center of St. Louis
3940 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 535-5016
Daniel D. Seibert, O.D., Director, Low Vision Specialist

Type of Agency: Non-profit. Owned by University of Missouri- St. Louis/School of Optometry.
Funded By: Client fees; Lions Club; state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic technician; optometrist; optometry students.
Eligibility: Current ophthalmologist report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase; sold at cost. Refers for training.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Truman Medical Center Low Vision Clinic
2301 Holmes Street
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 556-3680
John W. Irvine, M.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; county funds and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Fri. AM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; counselor.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview.

University of Missouri-St. Louis/School of Optometry
8001 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, MO 63121
(314) 553-5131
Daniel D. Seibert, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Variable.
Staff: Ophthalmic technician; optometrist; optometry student.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Sold at cost; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Daniel D. Seibert, O.D.

Washington University School of Medicine/Visual Aids Clinic, Department of Ophthalmology
Barnes Hospital Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 362-5000
T. Ott, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Wed. from 9 AM; Tues. from 1 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; social worker; optician; rehabilitation teacher; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Referrals.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 3 to 6 months.

MONTANA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Montana Department of Educational Services
State Capitol
Room 106
Helena, MT 59620
(406) 444-4429
Robert Runkel, State Director of Special Education
Marilyn Pearson, Education of the Handicapped Act/ Part B
June Miller, Deaf/Blind Specialist

Type of Agency: A unit of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
Mission: Administers through affiliate, the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, the federal quota system for providing visually handicapped children with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind. Through the same affiliate it provides braille, large type, and recorded material to the visually handicapped in local schools and has a repository of large type textbooks. Also provides training on computer aids and devices.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Montana.

For information about local facilities, consult the Director of Special Education or Superintendent, Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, Great Falls, Montana 59401.

SCHOOLS

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind
3911 Central Avenue
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 453-1401
Luther Prickett, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State residential school.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 12 full time, 1 part time. Shared speech and physical therapist. Uses volunteers for braille, library.
History/Date: Est. 1896.
Eligibility: Auditory or visual impairment.
Area Served: Montana.

Health: Speech and physical therapy. Refers, contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12 and non-graded. General academic programs.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; special education.
Reading: Lends cassette player; braille books; large print books. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Cottages, group homes, and foster care.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; residential summer camp. Provides for other recreational services.
Employment: Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for employment services.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind
3911 Central Avenue
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 453-1401
Barbara W. Gillis, Director, Instructional Materials Center

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Montana Transcribers of Braille
741 Conway
Billings, MT 59105
(406) 252-8071
Nancy Miller, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Western Montana Radio Reading Services (I)
924 South Third West
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 721-1998
Germaine Conrad, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: 150-mile radius from Missoula, covers 10 counties in western Montana.

Receivers Distributed: 250. Estimated Listenership: 800. Transmission(s) Originates From KUFN, Missoula, 89.1, SCA, NPR. Translators in Butte 99.3; and Helena, 90.7.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Montana State Library/Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
930 East Lyndale Avenue
Helene, MT 59601
(406) 449-3004 OR (1-800) 332-3400
Darleen Tiensvold, Librarian

Regional library supplying talking books, large type books and cassettes. Distributes talking book machines. Braille readers served by Utah State Library.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Montana Volunteer Information Resource Center
Box 498
Black Eagle, MT 59414
(406) 562-3542
Serena Kraft, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Visual Services Division/Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
111 Sanders
P.O. Box 4210
Helena, MT 59604
(406) 444-2590
Margaret Bullock, Director

Type of Agency: Federal and state.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees, government grants.
Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1937.
Eligibility: Visual condition that is a vocational handicap.

Health: Contracts and refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts and refers for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Billings: 1211 Grand, Billings, MT 59102 (406) 252-5601.
Butte: Executive Village, 517 East Front, Butte, MT 59701 (406) 723-6537.
Great Falls: 1818 Tenth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405 (406) 727-7740.
Missoula: 1018 Burlington, Room 101, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 721-4910.

Low Vision Centers

Montana Academy of Ophthalmology
2825 Eighth Avenue North
P.O. Box 35100
Billings, MT 59107
(406) 256-2500
James S. Good, M.D., President

Montana Optometric Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 908
Helena, MT 59624
(406) 442-1432
Roland D. Pratt

Montana Low Vision Service, Inc.
715 North Fee Street
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 442-0668 (Helena) OR (406) 248-1941 (Billings)
Sharon R. Comeenes, Program Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants, Lions/ Lioness Clubs of Montana.
Hours of Operation: Helena: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM; Billings: By appointment.

Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited, primarily Montana and northern Wyoming.

Computer Training: Access for demonstration; training for aids/devices.
Low Vision: On-site/in-home training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Loaned for trial (no charge); purchase; prescribed/fitted.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview.

Local Offices:

Billings: Low Vision Clinic, 2822 Third Avenue, Room 208, Billings, MT 59101 (406) 248-1941.

NEBRASKA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Nebraska Department of Education
P.O. Box 94987
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2471
Gary Sherman, Director of Special Education
Mark DeMuth, State Consultant, Visually Handicapped

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers the operation of the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped and supplementary state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools. Provides consultative services for the establishment and operation of educational programs for visually handicapped children.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Nebraska.
Age Requirements: Birth to 21 years.

Reading: Operates clearinghouse depository of braille, large print and recorded texts.
Computer Training: Provides computer access and training on computer aids and devices.

SCHOOLS

Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped
P.O. Box 129
824 Tenth Avenue
Nebraska City, NE 68410
(402) 873-5513
Jerry Regler, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.
Budget: 1986: $1,231,782.
Staff: 47 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1875.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped.
Age Requirements: Kindergarten to age 21.

Health: Contracts and refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; placement in school. Contracts for other counseling/social services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; speech; music.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices. Word processing.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or State Consultant for the Visually Handicapped, Department of Education, P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2471.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Nebraska Department of Education
P.O. Box 94987
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2471
Gary Sherman, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State general funds and P.L. 94-142.
Staff: 1 full-time consultant for visually handicapped.
Area Served: Nebraska.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Adaptive equipment; assistance to staff serving visually handicapped students in all developmental areas.
Low Vision: Low vision examinations.

Consultant services to school programs for visually handicapped students.

Preschool Handicapped Program/Omaha Public Schools
620 South 31st Street
Omaha, NE 68105
(402) 978-7078

Gene Schwarting, Project Director
Mary Anne Karstens, Resource Consultant (402) 554-6311

Type of Agency: Public school.
Funded By: P.L. 94-142 (incentive grants).
Staff: 43 full time (includes early childhood/visually handicapped teachers), orientation/mobility specialist available as consultant. Has advisory board with parent members for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: Omaha area.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling; psychological evaluations; other social services.
Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; auditory and sensory training; adaptive equipment. Home teaching for children with health restrictions; classrooms for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and noncategorical; and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children, with or without other handicaps, 3-5 years.
Preschools: Home-based program and consultation to primary caretaker for visually handicapped/ multihandicapped infants, with or without other handicaps, 0-2 years.
Rehabilitation: Physical, occupational, and speech therapy.
Low Vision: Low vision exams.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Nebraska Department of Education, Diagnostic Resource Center

P.O. Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 98509
(402) 471-2471
Jan Rolstad, State Consultant for the Visually Handicapped

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Nebraska Diagnostic Resource Center

1910 Meridian
Cozad, NE 69130
(308) 784-4525
Maria E. Acosta, Media Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, resource materials.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1420 P Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2045 OR Toll-free in Nebraska (1-800) 742-7691
David Oertli, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, newsletter information.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Prose & Cons Braille Unit

P.O. Box 2500
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 471-3161
Dr. John P. Marshall, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, menus.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Visually Impaired Program

3230 Burt Street
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 554-6310
Marilyn R. Adams, Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of Nebraska

Department of Special Education
204 Barkley Center
Lincoln, NE 68583-0732
Dewaine Alcorn, (402) 472-3955

Graduate (Master's) program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Radio Talking Book Service, Inc. (I)
620 South 31st Street
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 556-8176
David E. Robinson, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri. 6:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 9:30 AM-3:30 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: Omaha west to Crete, south to Auburn, north to Tekamah, east to Red Oak, Iowa.

Receivers Distributed: 1,000; Estimated Listenership: 2,500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KIOS-FM, Omaha, 91.5, SCA, NPR; relayed to KUCV-FM, Lincoln, 90.9, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Cablevision, Lincoln, FM SCA.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Nebraska Affiliate
120 North 69th Street
Suite 203
Omaha, NE 68132
(402) 551-2198
Beverly J. Rudloff, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Nebraska Library Commission
Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1420 P Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2045 OR Toll-free in Nebraska (1-800) 742-7691
David Oertli, Director

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Area Served: Nebraska.

Regional library providing talking books on disk or tape.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Nebraska Volunteer Information Resource Center
9461 Bedford Avenue
Omaha, NE 68134
(402) 341-7050
Sheldon Turkel, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

Christian Record Braille Foundation

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Nebraska Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired
4600 Valley Road
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 471-2891
Dr. James S. Nyman, Director

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1943.
Area Served: Nebraska.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, family counseling; consultation with schools, families of blind children; referral services.
Residential: Congregate living facilities for the elderly.
Rehabilitation: Braille, independent travel, homemaking skills; home teaching program; center training program; counseling/education on understanding of blindness, social attitudes.
Employment: Vocational counseling/career development; pre-vocational training; contracts for vocational training; placement and follow-up services; small business assistance; vending program.

Local Offices:

Kearney: Services for the Visually Impaired, 2916 West Highway 30, Kearney, NE 68847-1356 (308) 237-5125.
Norfolk: Services for the Visually Impaired, 600 South 13th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 371-9129.
North Platte: Services for the Visually Impaired, North Platte State Office Building, 200 South Silber, North Platte, NE 69101-4298 (308) 534-6780.
Omaha: Services for the Visually Impaired, 1313 Farnam On the Mall, Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 554-2041.
Scottsbluff: Services for the Visually Impaired, 4500 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (308) 632-1304.

Low Vision Centers

Nebraska Academy of Ophthalmology
329 West 40th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-3911
Mylan Van Newkirk, M.D., President

Nebraska Optometric Association, Inc.
216 North 11th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-7716
Dave Kunz

Ophthalmology Department
University of Nebraska Medical Center
42nd and Dewey Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105
(402) 559-6331
Joseph R. Zahn, M.A., Ph.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmologist; optometrist; psychologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial at no charge; on-site and in-home training.
Low Vision Follow-up: At regular intervals by appointment or by telephone.

Further information: Dr. Joseph R. Zahn.

NEVADA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Nevada Department of Education
400 West King Street
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 885-3140
Jane Early, Director, Division of Special Education
Sharon Palmer, Project Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools. Provides consultation on education programs. Distributes braille and large type textbooks, tape, talking books, and tape recorders. Offers vocational training, fellowships and tuition assistance.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Nevada.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Betty Sayler, Area Supervisor, Services to the Blind, 308 North Curry, Carson City, NV 89710 (702) 885-4444.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Clark County School District
2832 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(702) 799-5011
Andrew Mackalb, Teacher of Visually Handicapped

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Las Vegas-Clark County Library
1401 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 733-7810
Charles Hunsberger, Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: None specified.

Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind
Kinkead Building
505 East King Street
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 885-4444
Mervin J. Flander, Bureau Chief

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Nevada State Library
Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 885-5165
Leslie M. Hester, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

North Nevada Braille Transcribers, Inc.
1015 Oxford Avenue
Sparks, NV 89431
(702) 358-2456
Lois Baskerville, President/Advocate

Groups Served: K-12, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
1401 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 733-3610
Ann Langevin, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Southern Nevada.

Subregional library supplying talking books on disk and cassette.

Nevada State Library
Talking Book Program
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 885-5154 OR Toll-free in Nevada (1-800) 922-2880, ext. 5160
Leslie M. Hester, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Nevada.

Regional library supplying talking books on disk and cassette.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind
Kinkead Building
505 East King Street, Room 503
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 885-4444
Mervin J. Flander, Bureau Chief

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for blind and visually impaired individuals.
Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1986: $1,321,445.
Staff: 28 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1965.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 814.
Eligibility: Visual impairment that constitutes a personal or employment handicap.

Health: Sells aids and appliances; low vision clinic; diagnostic and evaluation services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services; psychological testing.
Educational: Post-secondary, college and special diabetic education.
Reading: Talking book player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books. Reader service available.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications.
Recreational: Summer and winter recreation and leisure time activities.
Employment: Evaluation, pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; business enterprise program; follow-up service and post-employment services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Las Vegas: 628 Belrose, Las Vegas, NV 89158 (702) 647-4111.
Reno: 1050 Matley Lane, Reno, NV 89502 (702) 789-0450.
Winnemucca: 530 Melarky Street, Suite 219, Winnemucca, NV 89445 (702) 623-3640.

Low Vision Centers

Nevada Ophthalmological Society
2320 Rancho, Suite 102
Las Vegas, NV 89102
(702) 877-6226
Tyree Carr, M.D., President

Nevada Optometric Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 709
Verdi, NV 89439
(702) 345-6153
Ida Straub

Bureau of Services to the Blind, State of Nevada Low Vision Clinic
628 Belrose, State Mall Complex
Las Vegas, NV 89158
(702) 647-4111

Funded By: State funds.
Hours of Operation: Variable schedule.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor; ophthalmologist; social worker.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview, visit to home, place of employment at 3 and 6 months.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

New Hampshire Department of Education
State Office Park South
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3741
Robert T. Kennedy, Director, Special Education
Luzanne Pierce, Early Childhood Consultant

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers the federal quota system for providing visually handicapped children in local schools with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind. Provides information about local facilities.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Multi-Disciplinary/Inter-Agency Core Evaluation and Services Project (MICE)
Bureau of Special Medical Services, New Hampshire Division of Public Health
Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-4526

Type of Agency: Cooperative public-private agency.
Funded By: Third party payments, foundation monies, private donations, state funds, in-kind contributions.
Staff: 1 full time(occupational therapist); 7 part time (administrator, visually handicapped and dually certified teachers). In-kind services of social worker, medical personnel, orientation/mobility specialist. Advisory board with parent members.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped deaf-blind children, with or without additional impairments, including those at risk.
Area Served: Entire state.
Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Health: Provides direct visual training; consultative service. Various health and social services.
Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; parent training; community and home-based services using itinerant model for visually handicapped children.

New Hampshire Educational Services for the Sensory Impaired
17 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 226-2900
William Finn, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private agency contracted by state to provide educational support services.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies and state funds.
Staff: 6 full time (visually handicapped and multiply handicapped consultants, orientation/mobility instructors).
Age Requirements: 3-5 years.

Educational: Services delivered at schools and homes using itinerant model. Staff consults on educational needs in all areas including technology.
Rehabilitation: Direct orientation/mobility training, material and equipment loans. Provides consultative and orientation/mobility services for visually handicapped children with or without additional handicaps.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

New Hampshire Educational Services for the Sensory Impaired
17 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 226-2900
William Finn, Coordinator

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

New Hampshire State Library/Library Services to the Handicapped Division
17 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3429
Eileen Keim, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1970.
Area Served: New Hampshire. Braille readers served by Massachusetts Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Regional library providing talking books, tapes, cassettes, and large type.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

New Hampshire Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/Bureau of Blind Services
78 Regional Drive
Building JB
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3537
Gerard J. DeAngelis, Director

Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1913.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Area Served: New Hampshire.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral; psychological testing.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes. Reader service available.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; home mechanics; home economics; communications; orientation/mobility.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility program; post-employment programs.

Local Offices:

Keene: Blind Services, 25 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431 (603) 357-0266.
Manchester: Blind Services, 361 Lincoln Street, Manchester, NH 03103 (603) 669-8733.
Nashua: Blind Services, 19 Chestnut Street, Nashua, NH 03060 (603) 889-6844.
Portsmouth: Blind Services, 147 Congress Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 436-8884.

REHABILITATION

Camp Allen, Inc.
RFD #5
Bedford, NH 03102
(603) 622-8471

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Maintained jointly by the Kiwanis Club of Boston and the Lions Club of Manchester, New Hampshire.
History/Date: Est. 1932.
Camp providing year-round services for the blind, deaf, mentally retarded, and physically disabled.

New Hampshire Association for the Blind
25 Walker Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-4039
Gale N. Stickler, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions, capital income, sales contracts for service.
Staff: 36 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1912.
Eligibility: State resident with severe visual impairment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social work evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts and refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Training programs for staff and personnel of other organizations/agencies/institutions serving populations that include visually handicapped persons.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility and rehabilitation teaching programs. Provides instruction for independent, safe travel; personal and home management; communication skills in the home and community. Refers for other rehabilitation services as appropriate.
Recreational: Statewide recreational events; trips; activities; support groups; self-help groups; self-directed groups; craft instruction and year-round retail sales of products made by blind clients.
Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision eye exams.
Low Vision Aids: Low vision aid prescriptions; optical aids loan and training.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Conducts extensive statewide public education program; speakers bureau; slides; films; displays; literature.

Local Offices:

Berlin: 101 Norway, Berlin, NH 03570 (603) 752-7043.

Low Vision Centers

New Hampshire Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Department of Ophthalmology
Hitchcock Clinic
Hanover, NH 03756

(603) 646-5123
Gault Farrell, M.D., President

New Hampshire Optometric Association, Inc.
8 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 225-6311
Dr. Charles W. Sweeney

New Hampshire Association for the Blind/Low Vision Program
25 Walker Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-4039 OR Toll-free in New Hampshire (1-800)342-3075
Gale N. Stickler, Executive Director
Rosemarie Roger, Program Coordinator

Funded By: Grants; purchase of service from third party funders; clients' fees; Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Hours of Operation: Weekly clinics by appointment only.
Staff: Rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor.
Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: New Hampshire.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social work counseling; self-help; self-directed and support group services.
Low Vision: Ophthalmological consultations; eye examinations; training; and instruction.
Low Vision Aids: Prescriptions; loans and training.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview or on-site at home, school or place of employment.

Stationary Clinic at 25 Walker Street, Concord, NH 03301; mobile clinic scheduled at central locations statewide.

NEW JERSEY

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

New Jersey Division of Special Education
225 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 292-0147
Jeffrey V. Osowski, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: A division of the New Jersey Department of Education.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: New Jersey.

For information about local facilities, consult the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

SCHOOLS

Matheny School
Main Street
Peapack, NJ 07977
(201) 234-0011
David Sutton, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit agency.
Mission: Services for physically handicapped with additional learning, perceptual, and behavioral difficulties; learning disabled; mentally retarded; clients with cerebral palsy.
Staff: 120 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Cerebral palsy or disability with deafness or blindness; 18 years or younger.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation. Refers for social evaluation.
Educational: Grades K through 6 and non-graded; general academic study; life skills; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy; music therapy.
Preschools: Programs for play/nursery school.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training program.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; typing.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

St. Joseph's School for the Blind
235 Baldwin Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 653-0578
Herbert Miller, Administrator
Jane Selinske, Educational Director

Type of Agency: Private, Catholic non-denominational, non-sectarian, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; those with a communication disorder.
Funded By: Fees, capital funds, public donations.
Staff: 50 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1900.
Eligibility: Blindness plus other severe handicaps.

Health: Physical therapy; speech therapy; occupational therapy; music therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Non-graded.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes.
Residential: Dormitory for multiply handicapped children. Five-day students return home on weekends.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; independent living.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; swimming; community integration.
Employment: Occupational skill development; pre-vocational training.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Madison-Chatham Braille Association
Box 541
Chatham, NJ 07928
(201) 377-4683
Barbara Guinsler, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Recording for the Blind
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
Penelope Williams, Studio Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed with a charge.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Jersey Shore Radio Reading Services (C)
c/o WBJB-FM Brookdale Community College
Lyncroft, NJ 07738
(201) 842-1827
Rick Hanson, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Sun. 11:00 AM-12:00 noon.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: 35-40 mile radius from Lyncroft serving Jersey shore area from Monmouth County.

Transmission(s) Originates From: WBJB-FM, Lyncroft, 90.5, Main, NC.
Cable: Bayshore Cable, Middleton, New Jersey, FM All-Band.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1100 Raymond Boulevard
Newark, NJ 07102
(201) 648-3333

Distributor of talking book machines.

New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08618
(609) 292-6450 OR Toll-free in New Jersey (1-800) 792-8322
Marya Hunsicker, Director

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1967.
Area Served: Central and southern New Jersey.

Regional library providing talking books, braille, cassettes, large print books, magazines and closed circuit radio reading service.

National Society to Prevent Blindness New Jersey Inc.
303 George Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-2061
(201) 545-2020
Dennis Hirschfelder, Executive Vice President

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
36-A Hibben Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 921-6534

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness New Jersey Chapter
P.O. Box 449
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 924-8034
Llurn Gund, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Northern New Jersey Chapter
P.O. Box 38
Livingston, NJ 07039
(201) 994-0399
Norman Libman, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

National Industries for the Blind

New Eyes for the Needy

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1100 Raymond Boulevard
Newark, NJ 07102
(201) 648-3333 OR Toll-free in New Jersey (1-800) 962-1233 (including TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)
Norma F. Krajczar, Executive Director

Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 380 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1910.
Area Served: New Jersey.

Health: Eye health nursing; diabetic retinopathy detection; preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening follow-up; vision screening of children of migratory workers and other at-risk populations.
Educational: Itinerant services to visually impaired children, ages birth to 21; institutional and day training center technical assistance; deaf-blind program; summer programs; residential/special placement programs.
Reading: Textbook and materials center; technical aids center.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home instruction programs.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; rehabilitation center; vending facility program; home products division; college unit; deaf-blind services; vocational training and job placement; follow-up services.
Low Vision: Low vision services.

Regional Offices:

Camden: Southern Regional Office, Parkade Building, Suite 403, 519 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103 (609) 757-2815, Michael Czerwinski, Manager.
Old Bridge: Central Regional Office, Route #18 and Spring Valley Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 (201) 360-2000, Edward Gorczyca, Manager.
Paterson: Northern Regional Office, 100 Hamilton Plaza, Paterson, NJ 07505 (201) 977-4200, Mary Sirera, Manager.

Statewide Services:
Newark: George F. Meyer Textbook and Material Center, 232 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, NJ 07114 (201) 648-4792.
Newark: Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center, 1177 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07114 (201) 648-2540.
Newark: Technical Aids Center, 232 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, NJ 07114 (201) 648-2547.

REHABILITATION

Edward R. Johnstone Training and Research Center
Burlington Street
Bordentown, NJ 08505
(609) 298-2500
John M. Wall, Superintendent

Funded By: Public, federal and state funds.
History/Date: Unit for blind services est. 1962.
Eligibility: Mentally retarded, developmentally disabled.
Area Served: New Jersey.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; reader service available.
Residential: Residential program.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home economics; communications; environmental awareness.
Employment: Evaluation, pre-vocational and vocational training; follow-up services.

Mt. Carmel Guild/Archbishop Boland Rehabilitation and Training Center
450 Market Street
Newark, NJ 07105
(201) 344-1012
Edda Swart, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Referral service.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications; clerical training.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop.

New Jersey Foundation for the Blind, Inc.
18 Green Street
Newark, NJ 07102
(201) 623-3937
Michael Laciopa, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1942.
Area Served: New Jersey.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Referral services.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living.
Recreational: Arts and crafts.

St. Joseph's Home for the Blind
537 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 653-8300
Sister Teresa Catherine, CSJP, Administrator

Mission: Services for aged and infirm blind persons.
Funded By: Community Chest; fees.
History/Date: Est. 1899.

Health: Physical therapy, occupational therapy.
Residential: Nursing home.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.

Social Service Federation
44 Armory Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
(201) 568-0817
William Porcelan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, Title XX, private donations.
Staff: 4 full time, 20 part time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Mentally alert, visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette player; talking book records and tapes; recorded magazines; information and referral; closed circuit television.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; skiing; horseback riding; biking; canoeing; golf; wilderness hiking. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other recreational/leisure services.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Seeing Eye, Inc.
P.O. Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07960
(201) 539-4425
Stuart Grout, President

Mission: Trains dog guides and instructs blind persons in their use.
Funded By: Endowment, bequests, trusts and contributions.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1929.
Area Served: United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Educational: Has public education program, including films and speakers by special request.

Clients pay nominal fee of $150 for first dog, $50 for each replacement.

Provides follow-up services for graduates.

Low Vision Centers

New Jersey Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
1418 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08610
(609) 695-5454
William J. Kustrup, M.D., President

New Jersey Optometric Association
88 Lakedale Drive
Trenton, NJ 08648
(609) 695-3456
David Grimm

Camden Optometric Center
612 Benson Street
Camden, NJ 08103
(609) 365-1811
Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Hours of Operation: Daily.
Staff: Low vision assistants; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students; optometry residents.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Eye Institute of New Jersey
15 South Ninth Street
Newark, NJ 07102

(201) 268-8036
Ronald Siwoff, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Fridays.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; ophthalmology residents; optician; social worker; psychologist/ counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: None, but referral report requested.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: None.

Further information: Jean Cordelione, Administrator.

Low Vision Rehabilitation Service
St. Barnabas Medical Center
Old Short Hills Road
Livingston, NJ 07039
(201) 533-5123 OR 533-5253
Gerald Fonda, M.D., Opthalmologist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and contributions.
Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed.-8:00 AM-2:00 PM; Thurs. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; genetic counselor; optometrist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee. Aids also available for sale.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 2 months.

Further information: Marilyn Osman, Administrator.

NEW MEXICO

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

New Mexico State Department of Education
Special Education Unit
300 Don Gaspar Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786
(505) 827-6541
James Newby, Director, Special Education

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: New Mexico.

For information about local facilities, consult the local superintendent of schools.

SCHOOLS

New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped
1900 North White Sands Boulevard
Alamogordo, NM 88310
(505) 437-3505
Jerry Watkins, Superintendent
Stanley E. Bourgeault, Special Education Division

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Staff: 115 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1903.
Eligibility: Legally blind, students K through 12.
Area Served: New Mexico.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for play/nursery school; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training program, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking books record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; translation into Spanish; tape recording services; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; wrestling; skiing; gymnastics. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; follow-up service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Special Education Unit, New Mexico State Department of Education, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786 (505) 827-6541.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

New Mexico Preschool for the Visually Handicapped
230 Truman, N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87108
(505) 268-9506
Betty J. Dominguez, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM -2:00 PM.
Staff: 6.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Age Requirements: 0-6 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides social evaluation; psychological testing/evaluation; counseling.
Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas.
Preschools: Play/nursery school.
Reading: Talking book records/tapes; braille books; large print books; magazines in braille/recorded format.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped
1900 North White Sands Boulevard
Alamogordo, NM 88310
(505) 437-3505
Bill Davis, Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

New Mexico State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 1629
Sante Fe, NM 87503
(505) 827-3829 OR Toll-free in New Mexico (1-800) 432-5515
Jerry Wise, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1967.
Area Served: New Mexico.

Regional library distributing talking book machines. Also distributes large print collections to public libraries.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

New Mexico Commission for the Blind
Pera Building, Room 205
Santa Fe, NM 87502
(505) 982-4555
Fred Schroeder, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 52 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1935.
Eligibility: Visual impairment or deteriorating eye condition.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Occupational therapy. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts, refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped. Programs for college prep; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.
Residential: Dormitory for adults, elderly and multi-handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; Optacon; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training and placement.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision service/clinic.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription of spectacles and low vision aids and devices.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescriptions.

Local Offices:

Alamogordo: Field Services, Commission for the Blind, 408 White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo, NM 88310 (505) 437-8008.
Alamogordo: Rehabilitation-Orientation Center for the Blind, 408 White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo, NM 88310 (505) 437-0401.
Albuquerque: New Mexico Industries for the Blind, 2000 Yale Boulevard S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106 (505) 841-8844, Richard Ferguson, Rehabilitation Supervisor.
Albuquerque: Service Center for the Blind, 2200 Yale

Boulevard S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106 (505) 841-8853.
Las Vegas: Commission for the Blind, 700 Friedman Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701 (505) 425-3546.
Roswell: Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 200 West First Street, Room 740, Roswell, NM 88201 (505) 624-6140.

Low Vision Centers

New Mexico Ophthalmological Society
1701 Moon Street, N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 298-7671
Peter T. Beaudette, M.D., President

New Mexico Optometric Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 11585
Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 299-5617
Doris Conley

New Mexico Service Center for the Blind
Low Vision Clinic
2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 841-8853
Guy Hufford, O.D.

Funded By: State.
Hours of Operation: 1/2 day per week.
Staff: Optometrist; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Legally blind; optometrist's report.
Area Served: New Mexico.

Low Vision Aids: On-site or at home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 1 month.

Further information: Frutosco Garcia, Area Supervisor.

NEW YORK

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

New York State Education Department
Office for Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions
Education Building Annex
Room 1073
Albany, NY 12234
(518) 474-5548 OR 474-8917
Lawrence C. Gloeckler, Assistant Commissioner

Mission: Provides in-service training for teachers of visually handicapped children in local schools. Provides consultation on educational services for school-age legally blind and severely visually handicapped students. Processes state appointments for legally blind children to the state-operated and state-supported schools for the blind. Administers the federal subsidy American Printing House for the Blind quota program for the purchase of reading material and educational aids for legally blind students in primary and secondary schools in New York State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1926.
Area Served: New York State.

Contact regional Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) or local school superintendent for program availability.

SCHOOLS

Lavelle School for the Blind
East 221st Street and Paulding Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469
(212) 882-1212
Sister M. Floretta Beam, O.P., Superintendent
Anne DeLisi, Intake Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; neurologically handicapped; epileptic; diabetic; also those with conditions such as brain tumors, speech pathology, Marfan's syndrome, and cardiac and orthopedic illness.
Staff: 48 full time, 5 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1904.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 85-90.
Eligibility: Legally blind; toilet trained; mobile; New York State resident (generally).
Area Served: New York State.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling; referral to community services.
Educational: Preschool through age 12. Programs for academic study.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines on disk.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; talking calculator; typing; video magnifier; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; bowling.
Employment: Career and skill counseling.

New York Institute for Special Education
999 Pelham Parkway
Bronx, NY 10469
(212) 519-7000
Robert L. Guarino, Ph.D., Executive Director

Funded By: Public funds, endowment and contributions.
Budget: 1986-87: $9,891,900.
Staff: 250 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1831 as the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind.
Number of Clients Served: 1986:145.
Eligibility: Legally blind, emotionally disturbed, physically handicapped, and learning disabled.
Area Served: New York State.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye, ear conditions; speech therapy; adaptive program; occupational and physical therapies.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; casework.
Educational: K through 12th grade. Music and art education and therapies.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; communications; Optacon, Kurzweil reading program, VTEK computerized technology.
Recreational: Evening program for residential students; year-round recreational services for adults and children at Camp Waparacti, Hardwick, Vermont.
Employment: Evaluation, pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement services from the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

New York State School for the Blind
Richmond Avenue
Batavia, NY 14020
(716) 343-5384
Charles R. Ruffino, Assistant Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for deaf-blind, multiply handicapped blind.
Staff: 150 full time, 20 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1868.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Age Requirements: 5 to 21 years.

Health: General medical services; physical, speech, occupational therapies. Contracts and refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Individualized educational programs designed to meet students' needs at varying developmental levels. Includes pre-vocational/skill training; activities of daily living; leisure time activities; orientation/mobility; academics.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in all program areas. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand; Optacon and closed circuit television.
Residential: Program will accommodate those students whose educational needs require year-round, 7-day residential status. Day programs and 5-day residential capacity.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; special education; sensory training.
Recreational: Recreational therapists develop individual/group activities including afterschool programs; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling.
Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision aids and devices.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Child Development Center/New York Association for the Blind—The Lighthouse
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 355-2200
Barbara Silverstone, D.S.W., Executive Director
Sally Deitz, Ph.D., Director, Children's Educational Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: P.L. 89-131 monies, private donations.
Staff: 15 full time (including early childhood/visually handicapped teachers), 5 part time. Various specialists available on a consultant basis. Uses volunteers.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-7 years.

Health: Health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; genetic counseling.
Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; classrooms for visually and multihandicapped; occasional home teaching.
Low Vision: Low vision exams.
Center-based programs and consultative services to other programs for visually handicapped/ multihandicapped children.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind
57 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 522-2122
Martin A. Adler, President
Frank Simpson, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Income from capital funds, United Way, and Community Chest.
Staff: 4 full time. Various therapists, teachers and other specialists on staff or available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1950.
Area Served: Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Genetic counseling, adaptive equipment, and other health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and family counseling.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas, home-and center-based with home component programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants, 0-3 years. Consultant services to other programs for children, 0-5 years, within itinerant model. Some financial assistance.
Preschools: Assists with placement in appropriate nursery schools or specialized programs.
Low Vision: Low vision exams.
Publications: *Rehabilitation of Deaf-Blind Persons*, Volumes 1-7.

Local Offices:

Cold Spring Harbor: Suffolk Service Center, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724 (516) 367-4000, Rosalind Bernstein, Social Worker, Children's Services.
Hempstead: Nassau Service Center, 320 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 485-1234, Joanne Berger, Supervisor, Children's Services.

Jewish Guild for the Blind
15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6200
John F. Heimerdinger, Executive Director
Ellen Trief, Director of Early Intervention Program

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations and other sources.
Staff: 1 full time (teacher of visually handicapped children), 1 part time. Various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.
Area Served: Metropolitan New York area.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-2 years.

Health: Low vision exams; immunizations and blood tests available on a consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; orientation/mobility; bilingual. Home-based program for visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants.

Lavelle School for the Blind
East 221st Street and Paulding Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469
(212) 882-1212
Sister M. Floretta Beam, O.P., Superintendent
Anne DeLisi, Intake Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for visually handicapped children with and without other handicapping conditions.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations and state funds.
Staff: 31 full time (includes visually handicapped teachers), 5 part time (includes orientation/mobility).
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 3-5 years.

Health: Immunization and other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling.
Educational: Instruction in reading and math readiness; orientation/mobility; self-help; use of special equipment; auditory training.
Preschools: Classroom for visually handicapped/ multihandicapped children.
Publications: *Sight-Giver.*

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Activities for the Blind
101 Indian Church Road
Buffalo, NY 14210
(716) 822-1055
Dr. Mabel M. Dimmers, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, religious, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Educational Vision Programs and Services Unit
280 Broadway, Room 737
New York, NY 10007
(212) 349-6907
Melvin Eisenbach

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind
320 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
(516) 485-1234
Helen J. Lomax, Braille Librarian

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Jewish Guild for the Blind
15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6200
Bruce E. Massis, Library Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Mohawk Valley Braille Transcribers
28 Homewood Drive
Clinton, NY 13323
(315) 853-2679
Catharine Hugo, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed with a charge.

Nassau Community College Library
Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 222-7400
Arthur L. Friedman, Chairman

Groups Served: College students.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

National Braille Association, Inc.
1290 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 473-0900
Jane Gill, Braille Production Committee Chairperson

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious, music.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Supplied in print and braille free of charge, some braille lists supplied at a charge. Texts printed with a charge.

Northeastern New York Braille Volunteers
One Wallace Street
Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 377-3436
Patricia Burns, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Onondaga Braille Organization, Inc.
Box 34
Liverpool, NY 13088
Carol Merrill, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious, general.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Plymouth Braille Group
75 Hicks Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 624-4743
Sally B. Larson, Coordinator

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Resource Center for the Blind
New York State School for the Blind
Richmond Avenue
Batavia, NY 14020
(716) 343-5384
Lyle C. Lehman, Ph.D., Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Print or computer disk lists at no charge.

Services for the Blind
852 Ashmore Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12309
(518) 374-8173
Mrs. Nathan Paul, Administrator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Sisterhood Braille Group of East Midwood Jewish Center
1625 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230
(718) 338-3800
Sylvia Aig, Chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, foreign language.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Sisterhood of Temple Sinai
425 Roslyn Road
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(516) 621-6800
E. Sussman, Co-chairperson
R. Gallard, Co-chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Recreational, religious.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Sisterhood Temple Israel of Jamaica
188th Street and Grand Central Parkway
Holliswood, NY 11423
(718) 776-4400
Charlotte Feldesman, Braille Chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Southern Tier Braille Transcribers
2897 Downing Street
Big Flats, NY 14814
(607) 562-7502
Mrs. Linnell Jones, Director

Groups Served: K-12, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Spencerport Braille Association
96 Picturesque Drive
Rochester, NY 14616
(716) 865-2965
Marion McCrone, Work Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Volunteer Tapists of Monroe County
248 Rhinecliff Drive
Rochester, NY 14618
(716) 473-2342
Marcia G. Yaroslow, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Xavier Society for the Blind
154 East 23 Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800
A. F. LaBau, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, religious, general.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Dominican College
10 Western Highway
Orangeburg, NY 10962
(914) 359-7800
Dr. Rona Shaw, Visually Handicapped and Rehabilitation Teaching
Cynthia Shaw, Orientation and Mobility

Undergraduate programs for teachers of the visually handicapped, orientation and mobility specialists, and rehabilitation teachers of the blind.

D'Youville College
Division of Education
320 Porter Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14201
(716) 881-7610
Dr. Gloria Zimmerman, Coordinator of Blind/Visually Impaired Program

Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually

handicapped. Master's program proposed to begin fall 1988.

Hunter College
City University of New York
Department of Special Education
695 Park Avenue, Box 508
New York, NY 10021
(212) 772-4742
Dr. Rosanne K. Silberman, (212) 772-4701

Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped, the multihandicapped blind, and the deaf-blind. Additional coursework available in early childhood.

New York University
School of Education, Health, and Nursing Arts Professions
Rehabilitation Counseling Department
50 West Fourth Street
New York, NY 10003
(212) 998-5290
Dr. Nancy Esibill, Director

Undergraduate rehabilitation services; master's and doctoral degrees in rehabilitation counseling.

Teachers College, Columbia University
525 West 120th Street
Box 223
New York, NY 10027
(212) 678-3862
Dr. Kay Alicyn Ferrell

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of blind and visually impaired learners.

Information Services

RADIO READING

In Touch Networks, Inc. (I)
322 West 48th Street
New York, NY 10036
(212) 586-5588
Jasha M. Levi, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In Spanish: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon-1:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 PM-9:00 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM-11:00 AM.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: New York metropolitan/tri-state area, closed circuit radio, cable service transmitted via satellite.

Receivers Distributed: 3,500; Estimated Listenership: 305,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WKCR-FM New York, 89.9, SCA, N.C. 1/2-hour program broadcast daily, 12:00 PM-12:30 PM, WNYE, 91.5.

Radio Vision (L)
619 North Street
Middletown, NY 10940
(914) 343-1131 OR Toll-free in New York State (1-800) 327-7343
Dan Hulse, Program Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Connects with In Touch Networks (NYC) Mon.-Fri. 11:00 PM-9:00 AM and on Saturday and Sunday all day.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, parts of Columbia, Green, Rockland counties.

Receivers Distributed: 325; Estimated Listenership: 450.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WSPK-FM Beacon, 104.7.

READ-OUT Radio Reading Service (R)
506 Old Liverpool Avenue
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 457-0440
Marian Carfagno, Reading Service Coordinator

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Area Served: Syracuse, Watertown, Utica and their environs.

Receivers Distributed: 900. Estimated Listenership: 6,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WCNY-FM, Liverpool, 91.3, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Syracuse Cablesystems, FM 91.1, Ithaca Cable System.

RISE (R)
c/o WMHT-FM
P.O. Box 17
Schenectady, NY 12301
(518) 356-1700
Sally Clark, Administrative Supervisor

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: 13-county area surrounding Albany Capital District of New York State.

Receivers Distributed: 600; Estimated Listenership: 600.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WMHT-FM, Schenectady, 89.1, SCA.

UPDATE Radio Reading Service (L)
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System
106 West Fifth Street
P.O. Box 730
Jamestown, NY 14702-0730
(716) 484-7135
Patricia A. Burnside, Outreach Librarian

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 11:00 AM- 8:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties.

Receivers Distributed: 260; Estimated Listenership: 300.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WHUG-FM, Jamestown, 101.7, SCA, C; relayed to WEBF-FM, Olean, 95.7, SCA, C.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Jewish Heritage for the Blind
1655 East 24th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11229
(718) 338-4999
Rabbi David H. Toiv, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Community services for visually impaired.
Funded By: Donations.
History/Date: Est. 1980.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Assists the visually impaired in arranging bar and bat Mitzvah ceremonies, Jewish marriage/divorce.
Residential: Helps find kosher homes.
Recreational: Helps find summer camps.
Publications: Publishes Jewish cultural and religious materials for children and adults in braille and on cassette tapes.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

American Foundation for the Blind
Northeast Regional Center
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2003

See American Foundation for the Blind in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
New York Division
79 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
(212) 684-3222
Dominic Terrone, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

New York Public Library/Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
166 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10013
(212) 925-1011 OR 24-hour answering service (212) 925-9699
Barbara Nugent, Librarian

Physical Facility: Not readily accessible to mobility impaired. Large type books not available from Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Local branches should be contacted.
Area Served: New York City and counties of Nassau and Suffolk.

Regional library providing braille books, cassette books, talking books, talking book machines, cassette players, and telephone reference and information referral services.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

New York Public Library Project ACCESS
Mid-Manhattan Library
455 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10016
(212) 340-0843
Rebecca Adler, Librarian

Type of Agency: Largest resource library in the New York Public Library's branch system.
Mission: Links patrons with visual, hearing, learning and mobility impairments to the full range of the New York Public Library's materials and services.
Hours of Operation: All services by appointment so that individualized assistance may be provided.
Physical Facility: Located on wheelchair-accessible ground floor. Special equipment for the blind and visually impaired: magnifiers; braille writer and audio playback equipment; Kurzweil Reading Machine; computer with Vista and Vert Plus programs; closed circuit television.

Reference collection of disability-related directories; pamphlets; newsletters; and publishers'/vendors'

catalogs. Recorded career and library orientation materials available for in-house listening.

New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
Cultural Education Center
Albany, NY 12230
(518) 474-5935 OR Toll-free in New York State (1-800) 342-3688
Jane Somers, Librarian

Type of Agency: State regional library for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
History/Date: Est. 1896.
Area Served: New York State (excluding New York City and Long Island).

Provides books and magazines in braille and recorded on disks and cassettes. Lends cassette players and special record players for use with its recorded material. Reference, information, and referral services provided. Reading aids with appropriate training available.

Queens Borough Public Library/Services for the Disabled
89-11 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 990-0746 (voice) OR (718) 990-0809 (TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)
Pauline Lewis, Librarian for the Disabled

Mission: Increases access to the materials and services of the Queens Borough Public Library for patrons who are visually, hearing and mobility impaired.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Borough of Queens.

Special equipment includes Kurzweil Reading Machine, VTEK programs, Viewscan, Perkins brailler, Comtek Listening System, and telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD). Volunteer reading service provides recorded materials for the visually impaired. Books in large print are available in all branch libraries. Mail-a-book service provides books in regular and large print postage free to homebound users.

Recording for the Blind
545 Fifth Avenue
Suite 204
New York, NY 10017
(212) 557-5720

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Bronx-Westchester-Rockland Chapter
7 Colvin Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583
(914) 472-6644
Louise Boardman, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Brooklyn Chapter
1818 Newkirk Avenue, #2C
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 434-1045
Helen Davis, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Long Island Chapter
10 Short Drive
Roslyn, NY 11576
(516) 484-0830
Florence Tonelson, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Manhattan Chapter
224 East 74th Street, #2FE
New York, NY 10021
(212) 876-7589
Gloria Clark, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Bible Society

American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc.

Association for Macular Diseases

Association of Junior Leagues

Better Vision Institute

Choice Magazine Listening

Eye Bank for Sight Restoration

Fight for Sight

Guide Dog Users

Helen Keller International

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

In Touch Networks

International Society on Metabolic Eye Disease

Jewish Braille Institute of America

John Milton Society for the Blind

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation

Myopia International Research Foundation

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired, Inc.

National Association for Visually Handicapped

National Braille Association

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Project Orbis

Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc.

Swedenborg Foundation

Xavier Society for the Blind

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12243
(518) 474-6812
Jack Ryan, Director

Mission: Maintains statewide registry of blind persons. Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.

Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1986: $18,000,000.
Staff: 168 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1913.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 6,000.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: New York State.

Health: Medical and specialists' examinations.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services; psychological testing and evaluation.
Educational: Post-secondary training programs.
Professional Training: Internships and practicums.
Reading: Readers.
Employment: Vocational evaluation; career counseling; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services; vending facility training; self-employment program; homemaker training.

Local Offices:

Albany: 74 State Street, Albany, NY 12207 (518) 474-1701.
Buffalo: 1000 Ellicott Square Building, 295 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203 (716) 847-3516.
Hempstead: 175 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 538-7070.
New York: Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island), 270 Broadway, New York, NY 10007 (212) 587-5227.
New York: Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (Manhattan and Bronx), Harlem State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027 (212) 870-4440.
Rochester: 259 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 (716) 238-8110.
Syracuse: 333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 (315) 428-4147.
White Plains: 200 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 946-1698.

REHABILITATION

Associated Blind, Inc.
135 West 23rd Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 255-1122
Ed Sternstein, Executive Director

Funded By: Contributions, legacies, endowments and annuities.
History/Date: Est. 1938 and Inc. 1939.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services; group work.
Residential: Sponsor of 200 efficiency and one-

bedroom apartment complex designed for the independent living of the blind and wheelchair bound.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; home economics; communications; braille instruction; talking book machines; reader service.
Recreational: Leisure time activities and programs.

Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded, Inc.
164-09 Hillside Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 523-2222
Martha Rosen, Founder
Max Posner, Executive Director

Mission: Provides information and referral services.
Funded By: Community groups and individuals interested in multihandicapped blind and severely retarded children and young adults.
Budget: $5 million.
Staff: 300.
History/Date: Est. 1956. Formerly (1974) Association for Advancement of Blind Children, Inc.

Residential: Ten group residences providing intermediate care facilities for blind and retarded young adults.
Rehabilitation: Two six-day treatment centers for blind, multihandicapped and severely retarded young adults.
Recreational: Summer camp for blind and multihandicapped people.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester, Inc.
422 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
(716) 232-1111
A. Gidget Hopf, Executive Director

Funded By: Endowment, sub-contracts, United Way, public funds, contributions, sliding fee scale.
History/Date: Est. 1908.
Area Served: Rochester and Monroe County.

Professional Training: Provides training to personnel of institutions serving populations that include the visually handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; communication in the home, community and agency.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; follow-up; sheltered workshop; food service.

Blind Association of Western New York
1170 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 882-1025
Ronald S. Maier, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit, citizen-directed rehabilitation agency.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; multiply disabled blind/visually impaired.
Staff: 35 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1907 and Inc. 1908.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.
Area Served: Eight counties of western New York.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Casefinding; assessment; social casework; information and referral; adjustment counseling.
Educational: Public information and education programs to schools, civic groups and media.
Professional Training: Fieldwork supervision and conferences for professionals and consumers.
Reading: Library and resource center dispenses talking books; adaptive devices and assistance on usage.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management: orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; non-visual skills training; children's programs; services to children.
Recreational: Services related to recreation groups meeting in the agency and integrated in the community.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill development; job retention; vocational placement; job club; sheltered workshop; work activities center; follow-up services.

Blind Work Association, Inc.
55 Washington Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
(607) 724-2428
M. Conrad Range, Jr., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital funds, contributions.
Staff: 8 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1926.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 1,096.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, family/parent counseling; placement and training; referral to community services. Refers for other social work services.

Professional Training: In-service training when requested by schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and others. Trains volunteers for vision screening.
Reading: Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services and large print on request.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home.
Recreational: Special programs for elderly. Refers for bowling.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service

285 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 875-0710
Donna A. Santarsiero, Executive Director

Mission: Services to visually impaired and other handicapped.
Funded By: Workshop sales and sub-contracts, endowment, public funds, contributions and Greater New York Fund.
Staff: 34 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1866.
Area Served: Kings County.
Transportation: As needed.
Age Requirements: 17 years and over.

Health: Psychological testing.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, family and group counseling. Psychological counseling.
Educational: Homemaking training.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; communication skills.
Recreational: Summer camp.
Employment: Sheltered workshop; work-at-home service; work training; job placement services; diagnostic vocational evaluation.

Catholic Charities, Office for Disabled Persons

191 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 596-5500
Sr. Bernadette Downer, Director

Funded By: Contributions and membership fees.
Staff: 1 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Area Served: Brooklyn and Queens.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Religious counseling and services. Mass for blind clients; special events and services. Advocacy and assistance with housing.
Recreational: Monthly social activities.

Catholic Charities Services for Visually Impaired Persons

143 Schleigel Boulevard
Amityville, NY 11701
(516) 842-1400
Sr. Rose A. Herbert, Ed.D., Administrator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit. Catholic sponsored, non-sectarian in service.
Mission: Provides services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped; neurologically impaired.
Funded By: Service fees from New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and Catholic Charities.
Staff: 4 full time, 12 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1957.
Eligibility: Visually impaired, except for contracted services that are for those legally blind.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Lends braille books; large print books. Information and referral; transcription to braille and large type; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; mobility skills; typing; home management; rehabilitation; teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Summer day camp; special programs for elderly; recreational services for young blind adults.
Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.

Local Offices:

Lynbrook: Catholic Charities Services for Visually Impaired Persons, Lynbrook Annex, 272 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, NY 11563 (516) 593-4600.

Catholic Guild for the Blind, Inc.

525 Washington Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 856-4494
Anne Busalacchi, C.A.V.S., Program Director

Funded By: Catholic Charities appeal.
Staff: 1 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1939.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: Buffalo diocese.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Referral services; short-term counseling; spiritual counseling. Emergency financial aid. Sponsors social and religious programs.
Professional Training: Conducts training seminars for volunteers and in-service programs for nursing home personnel and staffs in homes for aged.

Catholic Guild for the Blind, Inc.

1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 371-1000, Ext. 2520
Ann T. Snyder, Director

Funded By: Catholic Charities and purchase of service from government agencies.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Area Served: New York City area.

Educational: English as a second language; high school preparation.
Rehabilitation: Personal management, orientation/mobility; homemaking; communications and casework services.

Central Association for the Blind

507 Kent Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 797-2233
Donald D. LoGuidice, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; multihandicapped blind.
Funded By: Workshop sales; sub-contracts; capital income; contributions; grants.
Budget: 1987: $2,611,209.
Staff: 23 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1929.

Health: Glaucoma screening and preschool vision screening. Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies on counseling/social work services. Children's services: resource, advocacy and training activities for visually handicapped children.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work; rehabilitation teaching. Regular in-service training program open to other agencies.
Reading: Braille books; large print books; braille magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for some recreational services.
Employment: Sheltered workshops and work activity center. Refers for pre-vocational evaluation; vocational placement.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic service. Adaptive equipment and low vision aids.

Chautauqua Blind Association, Inc.

406 East Fourth Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716) 664-6660 OR 485-7561
Joanne E. Nelson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for visually impaired persons.
Funded By: County; United Way; sub-contracts; donations; memberships.
Budget: 1986: $85,470.
Staff: 3 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1921.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 401.

Health: Preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Assistance in meeting medical, housing, financial, recreational and/or legal needs; referral to other service providers when appropriate.
Professional Training: In-service workshops available to other agencies and nursing homes.
Reading: Delivery of talking books and Radio Reading Service receivers; transcription to braille; refers for large print books and magazines. Aids and appliances available.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; rehabilitation teaching in the client's home; communication skills.
Employment: Referral to appropriate agencies for training and placement, when applicable.

Consolidated Industries of Greater Syracuse, Inc.

541 Seymour Street
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 476-4021
Allen Speiser, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind;

visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally handicapped.
Funded By: Sub-contracts, capital income, fees and grants.
Budget: 1987: $3,200,000.
Staff: 65 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1964.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 600.
Eligibility: Emotionally, mentally, physically and socially disabled, unable to be assisted through ordinary vocational counseling and placement programs. Must be able to travel unescorted.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: At least 17 years.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group counseling; placement in training. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training program.
Reading: Large print books.
Rehabilitation: Remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Provides consultation to other agencies on recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; work adjustment and work evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; skill training; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up services. Refers for vending stand training.

Local Offices:

Syracuse: Consolidated Industries of Greater Syracuse, Inc., 100 West Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13203 (315) 476-4021.

Glens Falls Association for the Blind, Inc.
144 Ridge Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801
(518) 792-3421
Philip R. Jessen, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Capital funds, United Way, gifts, bequests, county allotment, contracts, Lions Club.
Budget: 1987: $96,000.
Staff: 2 full time, 6 vendors. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1937 and Inc. 1965.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 1,200.
Eligibility: Legal blindness or severe visual impairment.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool and elderly vision screening; in-service education programs. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling/social work services; social casework; advocacy; outreach; visitation.
Reading: Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility training.
Recreational: Community-based programs for elderly.
Employment: Refers for employment services.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
(516) 944-8900 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)
Steve Barrett, Director
Martin A. Adler, President, Helen Keller Services for the Blind

The Mid-Atlantic Region Office of this organization is also located at this address. See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind
57 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 522-2122
Martin A. Adler, President
Frank Simpson, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for blind; deaf-blind; and multihandicapped blind and deaf-blind and their families.
Funded By: New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, workshop sales, capital income, public support, Medicaid, client fees at sliding scale, grants and legacies.
Staff: 310 full time, 37 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1893.
Eligibility: Visually impaired children and adults; legally blind.
Area Served: Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Health: Ophthalmological and optometric consultation; speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services.

Educational: Preschool placement and visual screening; early intervention program.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; rehabilitation counseling; social work.
Reading: Lends braille and large print textbooks; information and referral; transcription to braille/large print.
Rehabilitation: Diagnostic and pre-vocational evaluation; vocational evaluation; training and direct placement services; psychological testing; social work assistance; rehabilitation and vocational counseling; communication skills; orientation/mobility; electronic mobility aids; Optacon; video magnifier; Kurzweil Reading Machine; transcription/typing; audiology; speech and hearing; personal management skills offered in home or agency facilities. Day treatment program provides diagnostic treatment and rehabilitative services to multihandicapped blind and deaf-blind. Operates the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults.
Recreational: Senior service centers; therapeutic summer camp for children up to age 14; fishing; bowling. Refers for other recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; telephone switchboard training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training.
Low Vision Aids: Low vision center prescribes aids and other low vision devices.

Local Offices:

Brooklyn: Helen Keller Services for the Blind, 1000 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238 (718) 522-2122.
Brooklyn: Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Industries and Special Workshops, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 522-2122.
Cold Spring Harbor: Suffolk Service Center, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724 (516) 367-4000.
Hempstead: Nassau Service Center and Rehabilitation Center, 320 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 485-1234, (718) 343-3616.

Industries for the Blind of New York State, Inc.

1522-24 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205
Jeanne Clough, General Manager

Funded By: Fees for service.
History/Date: Inc. 1946.
Area Served: New York State.

Sales organization actively markets blind-made products to state agencies, political subdivisions and public benefit corporations under provisions of the New York State finance law, working with nine qualified, non-profit workshops for the blind.

Jefferson County Association for the Blind, Inc.

321 Prospect Street
Watertown, NY 13601
(315) 782-2451
Veneta G. Ford, Office Manager

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired of all ages.
Funded By: United Way, capital funds, contributions.
Budget: 1985: $25,500.
Staff: 2 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1919.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Home visits to individuals in Jefferson County; counseling. Referrals to community services.
Reading: Talking book machines. Placement of special radio receivers.
Low Vision: Low vision aids.

Jewish Guild for the Blind (The Guild)

15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6200
John F. Heimerdinger, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped; multihandicapped.
Funded By: Fees, Medicaid, United Way, contributions.
Staff: 336 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1914.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 4,504.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychiatric clinic; psychiatric day treatment services; social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; developmentally disabled; orthopedically handicapped; neurologically impaired or brain damaged. Programs for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development; high school equivalency.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement

in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation; social work (casework/group work); special education and other related disciplines. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; transcription to braille; tape recording services upon request; volunteer reading service. Information and referral.
Residential: Home for aged blind (172-bed health-related facility/skilled nursing facility), Butler Residence (Section 8 subsidized apartments), Joselow House (intermediate care facility for multihandicapped adults).
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home; remedial education; communication skills; work adjustment training; adapted physical education; sensory training; physical therapy; occupational therapy; psychiatric evaluation. Provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; music appreciation and instruction; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; transcription typing.
Low Vision: Low vision service and follow-up.

Local Offices:

Brooklyn: The Jewish Guild for the Blind/Marien-Heim Tower Senior Center, 870 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230 (718) 258-7869.
Manhattan: Joselow House, 46 West 74th Street, New York, NY 10024 (212)724-6652.
Yonkers: Butler Residence, 75 Stratton Street South, Yonkers, NY 10701 (914) 963-4661, (212) 365-3700.
Yonkers: Home for the Aged Blind, 75 Stratton Street South, Yonkers, NY 10701 (914) 963-4661, (212) 365-3700.
Yonkers: Kramer Vision Rehabilitation Center, 75 Stratton Street South, Yonkers, NY 10701 (914) 963-4661, (212) 365-3700.

New York Association for the Blind (The Lighthouse)

111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 355-2200
Barbara Silverstone, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; multiply handicapped.
Funded By: Fees, government grants, product sales, investment income, contributions.
Staff: 459 full time, 66 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1906.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 6,005.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Distribution of optical aids; audiology; speech and physical therapy; diabetic education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; crisis intervention; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Refers for, provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Preschool child development program. Accepts deaf-blind; blind; visually impaired; and multiply handicapped. Programs for children and teenagers; leisure education; music; arts; high school equivalency.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; therapeutic recreation; rehabilitation counseling. Professional training programs and seminars for professionals in allied fields.
Reading: Full-service library including braille, cassettes, Kurzweil reader and print enlarger; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services; volunteer reading service.
Residential: Residence for adults in rehabilitation programs, older adults, and multiply handicapped adults.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility. Community and facility-based programs.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; adult recreation programs; adult vacation center; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill development; occupational skill development; clerical skills training; job retention; job retraining; sheltered and production workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service. Vision education programs for employers and employees.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices; assessment, training, speech, braille and large print systems.
Low Vision: Evaluation and services. Prescription of spectacles or aids. Follow-up.

Local Offices:

Elmhurst: Queens Lighthouse, 60-05 Woodhaven Boulevard, Elmhurst, NY 11373 (718) 899-9100.
Hauppage: Suffolk Office, 300 Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 200, Motor Parkway, Hauppage, NY 11788 (516) 273-1710.
Long Island City: Lighthouse Industries, 36-20 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 937-9338.
Staten Island: Staten Island Office, 460 Brielle Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314 (718) 987-2531.
Waretown: Adult Vacation Center, Waretown, NJ 08758 (609) 698-5061.
White Plains: Westchester Lighthouse, 354 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605 (914) 761-3221.

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, Inc.
301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1211
Dr. Michael B. Freedman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped blind.
Funded By: Fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital funds, fund raising, grants.
Budget: 1985-86: $1,864,290.
Staff: 41 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1908.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-86: 738.
Eligibility: Legally blind, severely visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision service. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Case management; social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual/group counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; rehabilitation teaching; social work. In-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book referral and follow-up services; braille; large print; information and referral.
Residential: Boarding homes for adults, multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Independent living evaluation; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching and mobility training in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; swimming; skiing; jogging; tandem-bike riding; beep baseball.
Employment: Diagnostic and pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up service; comprehensive office training; small engine repair.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices; vocational preparation in word and data processing.
Low Vision Aids: Evaluation and prescription of low vision aids.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Pioneer Center, Inc.
2516 Lodi Street
Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 476-3598
Steve Malone, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; others.
Funded By: Sub-contracts, income from capital funds, fees.
Budget: 1986: $400,000.
Staff: 23 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1950.
Eligibility: Multiply handicapped blind.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual/group counseling; placement in training.
Educational: Program for vocational/skill development. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; other multiply handicapped.
Professional Training: Training and/or supervised fieldwork placement in industrial arts; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.
Residential: Off-site apartments. Adult group home.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; typing; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential camp; swimming; skiing; bicycling. Provides recreation services on evenings and weekends.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered employment and community-based supported employment; vocational training and placement; follow-up service.

Rockland County Association for the Visually Impaired, Inc.
Rockland County Health Center, Building C
Pomona, NY 10970
(914) 354-0200, ext. 2051
Ruth C. Wein, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: County of Rockland, United Way, fees, contributions.
Staff: 8 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 864.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; crisis intervention; individual and group counseling; referral to community services.
Educational: In-service training programs to community agencies; internship/fieldwork placement in social work; tutoring.
Reading: Loan and repair of talking book record player and cassette; large print magazines; information and referral; instruction and use of video magnifier, Kurzweil Reading Machine; volunteer reading service.
Rehabilitation: Personal and home management; braille; typing; writing and communication skills; orientation/mobility; daily living skills; instruction in client's home and community; skills instruction.
Recreational: Leisure time activities; needlecraft and book discussion groups.
Low Vision: Low vision aids.

St. John's Episcopal Homes for the Aged and Blind
452 Herkimer Street
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 467-1885
Roberta DonDiego, Administrator

Funded By: Public funds, endowment, Greater New York Fund, and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1851.
Area Served: Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment. Eyeglasses available.
Residential: Facilities for adults.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility training.

Southern Tier Association for the Blind, Inc.
719 Lake Street
Elmira, NY 14901
(607) 734-1554
David J. Clovsky, Executive Director

Funded By: Contributions, workshop sales, endowment and fees.
Budget: 1986: $634,800.
Staff: 17 full time, 3 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1930.
Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired, able to benefit from service.
Area Served: Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben counties.

Health: Glaucoma screening program.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling and referral services.
Reading: Talking book record player; braille transcription.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home management; communication.
Employment: On-the-job training; sheltered workshop.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Syracuse Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc. (Lighthouse)
616 South Salinas Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 422-7263
Milton Rosenblum, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, capital income, government agency, contributions, sales.
Budget: 1986: $571,695.
Staff: 15 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1917.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 623.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, family, couple counseling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; recorded magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; Optacon adapted computer equipment; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Refers for recreation services.

VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

817 Broadway, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10003
(212) 477-3800
Nancy D. Weber, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Community services for visually impaired older adults. Camp services for visually impaired/blind and multihandicapped adults. Services for blind parents and children.
Funded By: Contributions, United Way, grants, legacies, fees, government contracts.
Staff: 22 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1972. Formerly, Vacations and Community Service for the Blind incorporating the Center for Independent Living.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: General social services, i.e., short-term counseling, information, referral and concrete services. Group programs and social services in 26 neighborhood senior centers (Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester) promote integration of older visually impaired adults into community life.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; occupational therapy. In-service program for professionals in allied fields.
Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching (i.e., personal management, communications, housekeeping); orientation/mobility; occupational therapy. Training provided in the client's home and community. Consultations to other agencies for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Vacation Camp for the Blind in Spring Valley, New York. Three 12-day sessions and special winter weekends. Capacity 175 beds. Full range of recreational activities with adapted facilities. Social work supervision.
Publications: Self-help publications on cassette and in print for visually impaired adults and professionals. Publications teach sensory development, housekeeping skills, basic indoor mobility, and personal management.

Westchester Independent Living Center, Inc.

297 Knollwood Road
White Plains, NY 10607
(914) 682-3926
Joseph R. Bravo, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Direct services to disabled population.
Funded By: State Education Department.
Staff: 8.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Disability.
Area Served: Westchester and Rockland counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides social evaluation, community services. Individual counseling for clients and their families.
Educational: Vocational/skill development, available to the multiply handicapped.
Professional Training: Training/supervised fieldwork for gerontology low vision positions. In-service programs, short-term/summer, open enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book records and tapes.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living (personal management).
Recreational: Arts/crafts; hobby groups; special programs for the elderly.
Employment: Provides career/skill counseling, referral for pre-vocational evaluation.
Publications: *Westchester County Directory of Services for Hearing Impaired People.*

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Computer Center for the Visually Impaired

Baruch College
Box 515
17 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10010
(212) 725-7644
Dr. Karen Luxton, Director
Judy Gerber, Manager, Educational and User Services

Computer Training: Individual and group training; duration varies according to need; mainframe and microcomputer training available. Computing support for college academic studies also provided.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

371 East Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, NY 11787
(516) 265-2121
David Nydick, Executive Director

Mission: Offers professional training of the blind with dog guide, without fee. Maintains breeding and puppy-raising program.
Funded By: Contributions and endowments.
History/Date: Est. 1946 and Inc. 1949.

Area Served: International in scope.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.
611 Granite Springs Road
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
(914) 245-4024
Martin S. Yablonski, Executive Director

Mission: Breeds, raises, and trains dog guides and instructs blind individuals in their use. Trains own instructors, maintains follow-up service for graduates.
Funded By: Contributions, service organization, bequest and endowment.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1954.
Area Served: United States and other countries.

Educational: Has public education program including speakers bureau.

Low Vision Centers

New York State Ophthalmological Society
4184 Seneca Street
West Seneca, NY 14224
(716) 675-3131
Michael A. Sansone, M.D., President

New York State Optometric Association, Inc.
90 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 449-7300
Jan Dorman

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester, Inc.
Low Vision Clinic
422 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
(716) 232-1111
A. Gidget Hopf, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees (sliding scale); United Way; state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Wed. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM; Thurs. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; vocational evaluator.
Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Low Vision Coordinator.

Blind Association of Western New York
1170 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 882-1025
Michael A. Sansone, M.D., Medical Director, Consultant in Ophthalmology
Eugene J. McDonough, O.D., Consultant in Optometry
Carolyn Thrig, O.D., Consultant in Optometry
Norman Young, O.D., Consultant in Optometry

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, third party payments, New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision technician/coordinator; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation counselor; social caseworker; vocational evaluator; communication instructor.
Eligibility: Recent eye report or ophthalmological exam at clinic.
Area Served: Western New York.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on recommendation.
Low Vision Follow-up: Provided.

Further information: Peg McLean, Director of Rehabilitation Services.

Deaconess Hospital of Buffalo, N.Y.
Wettlaufer Eye Clinic
100 High Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 845-5600
Joseph F. Monte, M.D., Chief

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; fundus photographer.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Variable according to problem.

Further information: Geraldine Schneider, Clinic Supervisor; Paula A. Gowin, Administrative Assistant, Department of Ophthalmology.

E. J. Meyer Memorial Hospital
462 Grider Street
Buffalo, NY 14215
(716) 894-1212, ext. 338
Paul J. Loree, M.D., Director

Funded By: County.
Hours of Operation: Second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; opthalmology residents; optician.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided for trial on loan; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment at 3 and 6 months, as indicated.

Further information: Secretary, Eye Clinic.

Flushing Hospital
4500 Parsons Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11355
(718) 670-5486
David S. Karan, M.D., Director, Low Vision Clinic

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Sliding-scale fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: New York metropolitan area.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted on site.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Jewish Guild for the Blind
Kramer Vision Rehabilitation Center
75 Stratton Street South
Yonkers, NY 10701
(212) 365-3700, ext. 544 OR (914) 963-4661, ext. 544
Joan Joseph, Director
William F. O'Connell, O.D., Director, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Serving the visually impaired/blind.
Staff: Optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation counselor; communication skills instructor; rehabilitation teacher. Ophthalmologists available off site.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Long Island Jewish Medical Center
Eye Care Center
270-05 76th Avenue
New Hyde Park, NY 11042
(718) 470-7145
David A. Rosen, M.D., Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology
Benjamin Freed, O.D., Attending Optometrist

Funded By: Sliding-scale fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Nassau and Queens.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial, if necessary.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and telephone.

Montefiore Hospital/Medical Center
Low Vision Service
111 East 210th Street
Bronx, NY 10467
(212) 920-4926
William F. O'Connell, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; social worker; optician.
Eligibility: Diagnosis required.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 2 months; visit in 6 months.

Further information: Dr. O'Connell.

New York Eye and Ear Infirmary
310 East 14th Street
New York, NY 10003
(212) 598-1375
Judith Gurland, M.D., Ophthalmologist, Director
Suzanne Schudel, Low Vision Assistant/Opthalmic Technologist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic technologist; low vision assistant; optometrist; social worker; audiologist.

Eligibility: Poor visual acuity; clinic and private patients not in need of mobility training.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Can be purchased directly; provided for trial; rental fee; on-site training.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview at 1 month.

New York Lighthouse Low Vision Service
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 355-2200
Eleanor E. Faye, M.D., Ophthalmologist, Medical Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, approved third party payers and the agency.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision assistant; optician; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist; recreation specialist.
Eligibility: Opthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fees; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: According to patient's needs.

Further information: Clare M. Hood, R.N., Administrative Director.

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, Inc.
301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1211
Albert M. Morier, O.D.
Jeff E. Murad, M.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM by appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist-low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access: 2 full-time instructors, training 3-12 months; contact: Andy Davidson, Manager, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, (518) 463-1211.
Low Vision Aids: On-site and community training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment with rehabilitation teacher.

Further information: Coordinator, Low Vision Clinic.

Northport Veterans Administration Medical Center Low Vision Clinic
Middleville Road
Northport, NY 11768
(516) 261-4400
Leon Hoffman, O.D., Supervisor, Low Vision Clinic

Funded By: Veterans Administration.
Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; psychiatrist; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; speech therapist; vocational counselor.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped veteran.

Low Vision Aids: Supplied free to eligible veterans (service-connected disability).
Low Vision Follow-up: By recall system.

North Shore University Hospital Low Vision Services
300 Community Drive
Manhasset, NY 11030
(516) 562-4530
Marc C. Epstein, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Alternate Fri., 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.
Staff: Ophthalmology resident; optometrist; social worker; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselor; orthoptist; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: Referral from ophthalmologist, optometrist or medical institution.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access and training on computer aids and devices available through vocational rehabilitation.
Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: Dr. Epstein.

State University of New York/College of Optometry
100 East 24th Street
New York, NY 10010
Low Vision Department: (212) 420-5012 OR Low Vision Appointments: (212) 420-5013
Bruce P. Rosenthal, O.D., Director, Low Vision Services
Roy Gordon Cole, O.D., Assistant Director

Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 noon; 1:00-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry student/resident; optician; social worker; psychologist; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor; special educator; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; psychotherapist; audiologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Two weeks after initial visit.

University Hospital, SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse
Eye Clinic
750 East Adams Street
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 473-5253
John A. Hoepner, Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, state funds.
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmology resident/assistant/technician; ophthalmologist; optometrist. Psychologist, social worker, special educator, and rehabilitation counselor available.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase and rental.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Westchester Lighthouse Low Vision Service
Department of Ophthalmology
Westchester County Medical Center
Valhalla, NY 10594
(914) 347-5525
Richard J. Shuldiner, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optician; low vision assistant.
Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster counties.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Carrie Jackson, Coordinator.

NORTH CAROLINA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction/ Division for Exceptional Children
Education Building
116 West Edenton Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-1712
(919) 733-3921
E. Lowell Harris, Director, Division for Exceptional Children
Mark Sumner, Textbook Consultant
Helen Boyle, Consultant, Visually Impaired Programs
Kathy Nisbet, Early Childhood Consultant

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides braille, cassette tape and large type textbooks for grades 1-12. Offers consultation on education programs.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Area Served: North Carolina.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Governor Morehead School
301 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-6381
George Lee, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind.
Staff: 199 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1845.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 195.
Eligibility: Legally blind and multihandicapped.
Area Served: North Carolina.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 5-18 years.

Health: Treatment of minor eye conditions; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech, hearing, occupational and physical therapy; low vision. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school, training. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic studies; vocational/skill development; special programs for multiply handicapped blind.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in vocational areas; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille and recorded magazines.
Residential: Cottages for children.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading.
Employment: Career and skill counseling. Refers for some other employment services.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Helen Boyle, Consultant, Visually Impaired Programs, Division for Exceptional Children, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC 27603-1712 (919) 733-3004.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind
309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-9822
Herman O. Gruber, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State and Title XX funds.
Staff: 91 full time for overall program (social workers, dually certified teachers, 4 children's program consultants). Has advisory board for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1935.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Genetic and other counseling; adaptive equipment.
Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas.
Low Vision: Low vision exams available on consultant or referral basis.

Home- based program and consultant services to other

programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Blue Ridge Braillers
391 Hendersonville Road
Asheville, NC 28803
Lauretta Byrnes, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind
309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-9930
Herman O. Gruber, Director

Groups Served: K-12, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

North Carolina State University
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
402 Poe Hall, Box 5096
Raleigh, NC 27650
(919) 737-3221

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped; Master's program for teachers of the multihandicapped.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Central Piedmont Community College Radio Reading Service
P.O. Box 35009
Charlotte, NC 28235
(704) 342-6994
Jim Bailey, Communications Specialist

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-10:00 AM, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM; Sat. 7:00 AM-9:00 AM; Sun. 2:00 PM-4:00 PM; all other hours, programming from In Touch Network.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: Mecklenburg (Charlotte), Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanley, Union counties.

Receivers Distributed: 200.
Transmission(s) Originates From: Studios at CPCC.
Distributed via: Cable system's all-band, SCA of WFAE-FM.

Neighborhood News for the Blind (U/I)
P.O. Box 7405
Winston-Salem, NC 27109
(919) 761-5257
T. Cleve Callison, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Sat. 8:00 AM-9:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: 35-mile radius from Winston-Salem.

Receivers Distributed: Not Applicable.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WFDD-FM, Winston-Salem, 88.5, Main, NPR(s).

Radio Reading Services, Inc. (I)
P.O. Box 17323
Raleigh, NC 27619
(919) 832-5138
Annette Henry, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Area Served: Metropolitan Raleigh, Wake County.

Receivers Distributed: 100; Estimated Listenership: 400 plus, due to hospital and nursing home installations.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WKNC-FM, Raleigh, 88.1, SCA, NC Cable Vision of Raleigh, Channel 11.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

National Society to Prevent Blindness
North Carolina Affiliate, Inc.
1033 Wade Avenue
Suite 126
Raleigh, NC 27605-1158
(919) 832-2020
Marion Lee Johnson, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
North Carolina State Library Department of Cultural Resources
1811 North Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27635
(919) 733-4376 OR Toll-free in North Carolina (1-800) 662-7726
Charles H. Fox, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1958.
Area Served: North Carolina. Also serves South Carolina with braille.

Regional library providing talking books on disk and on cassette, braille and large type books, talking book machines and accessories.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Lexington Volunteer Information Resource Center
309 West Third Avenue, #2B
Lexington, NC 27292
(704) 249-0819
Terry Stuby, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Piedmont Chapter
3800 West Wendover Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27407
(919) 292-8124
Marilyn Green, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

North Carolina Department of Human Resources/ Division of Services for the Blind
309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-9822
Herman O. Gruber, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: State, federal, and county funds.
Staff: 286 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1935.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Health: Complete eye examinations and follow-up including eyeglasses, surgery and treatment; medical work-ups for clients.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind, blind and visually handicapped. Programs for vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs; contracts with university system.
Reading: Reader services.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Refers for residential summer camp.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training; homebound employment.
Low Vision: Low vision aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Black Mountain: Western Regional Office, Western North Carolina Hospital, Black Mountain, NC 28711 (704) 669-3310, ext. 310.
Fayetteville: South Central Regional Office, 225 Green Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301 (919) 486-1582.
Greenville: Eastern Regional Office, 404 St. Andrews Street, Greenville, NC 27834 (919) 756-5851.
Raleigh: Evaluation Unit, Raleigh Lions Clinic, 315 Hubert Street, Raleigh, NC 27603 (919) 733-4281.
Raleigh: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 305 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27606 (919) 733-5897.
Winston-Salem: North Carolina Regional Office, 836 Oak Street, Suite 510, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 (919) 761-2345.

REHABILITATION

Industries of the Blind, Inc.
920 West Lee Street
Greensboro, NC 27402
(919) 274-1591
Derek M. Davis, General Manager

Funded By: Workshop sales and sub-contracts.
History/Date: Est. 1933.
Area Served: North Carolina and parts of South Carolina and Virginia.

Employment: Sheltered workshops; vocational training.

Lions Club Industries for the Blind, Inc.
1810 East Main Street
Durham, NC 27703
(919) 596-8277
William L. Hudson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind.
Funded By: Workshop sales.
Staff: 5 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1936.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual counseling; placement in training.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; sheltered workshops.

Lions Club Industries for the Blind of Western North Carolina
45 South French Broad Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801
(704) 258-2332
Michael C. Moore, General Manager

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales and sub-contracts.
Staff: 3 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1938.
Eligibility: Blind or legally blind.
Transportation: Y.

Employment: Vocational training; sheltered workshops.

Lions Services
1702 North Brevard Street
Charlotte, NC 28206
(704) 333-1527
Russ I. Elliott, Facility Administrator

Funded By: Workshop sales.
History/Date: Est. 1934.

Employment: Job training; job retention; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

Metrolina Association for the Blind
704 Louise Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
(704) 372-3870
Robert Scheffel, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, endowment.
Staff: 12 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1934.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Transcription to braille, large print, and tape. Computer braille and large print.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; braille; handwriting; typing; home management. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Electronic travel aids; audio devices.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.
Employment: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access.
Low Vision: Spectacles or aids; resale of aids and appliances; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 39
Sherrill Ford, NC 28673-0039
(704) 478-2135
Robert E. Spencer, Executive Director

Funded By: Contributions and Lions Clubs of North Carolina.
Staff: Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1934.
Area Served: North Carolina.

Health: Supports eye and human tissue bank. Supplementary medical help.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral service.
Recreational: Operates Camp Dogwood.

Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind
7730 North Point Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
(919) 722-1378
Nelson W. Kessell, President
Delmer P. Wall, Vice President and General Manager

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital income.
Staff: 18.
History/Date: Est. 1936.
Eligibility: Legally blind; good health.
Age Requirements: 16 years of age.

Employment: Evaluation; vocational training; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

North Carolina Rehabilitation Center for the Blind
305 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-5897
Mrs. Jan Fesperman, Administrator

Computer Training: 1 part-time instructor; training period averages 2 weeks.

Low Vision Centers

North Carolina Society of Ophthalmology
Department of Ophthalmology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 966-5296
Kenneth L. Cohen, M.D., President

North Carolina State Optometric Society, Inc.
Box 1206
114 North Pine Street
Wilson, NC 27893
(919) 237-6197
Sue Gardner

Asheville Lions Club Eye Clinic
45-A South French Broad Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801
(704) 252-5706
John Heatherly, Chairman, Board of Directors

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: United Way; Asheville Lions Club.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.
Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Asheville and Buncombe County.

Health: Public glaucoma and diabetes screenings; individuals may come to office by appointment for eye pressure, blood sugar or blood pressure check. Hearing screening in office. No charge for any services.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; sold at cost; on-site or in-home training provided. No charge to individual other than actual cost of low vision aids. Assistance in finding several aids to purchase if needed.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit and/or phone interview; varies according to patient. As many visits as necessary to satisfy needs.

Further information: Elise A. Lednum, RN.

Carolina Eye Associates
2170 Midland Road
Southern Pines, NC 28387
(919) 295-2100 OR Toll-free in North Carolina (1-800) 672-9503; toll-free out of state (1-800) 334-4140
Robert G. Martin, M.D., Chief of Staff

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Genetic counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic technician; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry student; optometry resident; special educator; rehabilitation teacher.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase or on loan for trial purpose at no charge; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site or in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment and/or phone interview; home visit if necessary; varies according to patient.

Further information: Susan Hunt, Low Vision Coordinator.

Duke University Eye Center
Box 3802
Duke University Medical Center
Durham, NC 27710
(919) 684-6778
Robert Machemer, M.D., Medical Director
Sally H. Kim-Miller, M.D., Director, Low Vision Clinic

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Low vision service by appointment only, Thurs. afternoon. Optical dispensary, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Mail order purchase; on-site orientation provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

Further information: Dr. Kim-Miller.

North Carolina Memorial Hospital Low Vision Clinic
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 966-2061
Howard T. Lewis, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Thurs. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.
Staff: Genetic counselor; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Refundable return deposit for trial period; provided for purchase by optician; prescribed and fitted for variable fee. Limited on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Further information: Howard T. Lewis, Director.

Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind
Evaluation Unit, North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind
315 Hubert Street
Raleigh, NC 27603
(919) 733-4281
W. A. Shearin, M.D., Ophthalmologist

Funded By: North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. (Low vision clinic on Monday only).
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmic assistant/nurse; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologist's report or referral by Division of Services for the Blind Rehabilitation Program.
Area Served: North Carolina.

Low Vision Aids: Provided to eligible rehabilitation clients.
Low Vision Follow-up: By rehabilitation counselor.

Vision Rehabilitation Associates
3115 Academy Road
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 493-7456
Henry A. Greene, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Counselor; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmic assistant; optician; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; special educator.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; varies according to patient.

Further information: Dr. Greene.

NORTH DAKOTA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505
(701) 224-2277
Gary W. Gronberg, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools. Provides consultation on educational programs.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: North Dakota.

For further information, consult the Division of Special Education.

SCHOOLS

North Dakota School for the Blind
500 Stanford Road
Grand Forks, ND 58201
(701) 777-4144
Charles R. Borchert, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State residential school.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Budget: 1985-87: $2,580,161.
Staff: 42 full time, including 12 full-time visually handicapped and dually certified teachers, 1 speech pathologist, 1 occupational therapist, 1 half-time physical therapist, and 17 part-time staff. Various specialists are available as consultants. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1908.
Eligibility: Visual impairment that impedes school progress.
Age Requirements: 3-26 years.

Health: Low vision exams, immunizations, blood tests, and other health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Family, parent, couple counseling; placement in school; genetic counseling. Refers for and contracts for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades preschool through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; speech impaired; autistic. Programs for general academic; pre-vocational and vocational.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; swimming; track.
Employment: Occupational skill development. Contracts and refers for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Aids or devices.

Consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped, multiply handicapped children.

Contact local school superintendent for program information and availability.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

North Dakota School for the Blind
500 Stanford Road
Grand Forks, ND 58201
(701) 777-4144
Betty Bender, Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of North Dakota
Department of Special Education
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Dr. Myrna Olson, (701) 777-3188

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Information Services

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Services for Visually Impaired
P.O. Box 8117, University Station
Grand Forks, ND 58202
(701) 777-2604

Distributor of talking machines.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped
State Library Building
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2295
(605) 773-3514

Regional library supplying talking books on tape and disk to residents of North and South Dakota.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

North Dakota Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505
(701) 224-2907
James O. Fine, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Staff: 122 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1921.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Contracts for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Contracts for adult continuing education.
Professional Training: In-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player.
Rehabilitation: Braille; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility. Contracts for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement follow-up service. Contracts for and refers for other employment-oriented services.

Local Offices:

Bismarck: 600 South Second Street, Bismarck, ND 58501 (701) 255-0060.
Devil's Lake: Highway 2 West, Devil's Lake, ND 58301 (701) 622-4943.
Dickinson: Pulver Hall, Dickinson State University Campus, Dickinson, ND 58601 (701) 227-2357.
Fargo: 15 North Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 237-4513.
Grand Forks: 1407 24th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND 58201 (701) 746-9404.
Jamestown: 520 Third Street, N.W., Jamestown, ND 58402 (701) 252-2641.
Minot: 400 22nd Avenue N.W., Minot, ND 58102 (701) 852-1251.
Williston: 316 Second Avenue West, P.O. Box 1568, Williston, ND 58802 (701) 572-8126.

Special Sections:
Bismarck: Social Security Disability Determination Services, 600 South Second Street, Bismarck, ND 58501 (701) 222-0062.
Grand Forks: Services for the Visually Impaired, P.O. Box 8117, University Station, Grand Forks, ND 58202 (701) 777-2604.

Low Vision Centers

North Dakota Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
Fargo Clinic
737 Broadway, Box 2067
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 237-2305
C. Gary Pramhus, M.D., President

North Dakota Optometric Association, Inc.
418 East Broadway
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 258-6766
Virginia Corwin

OHIO

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Ohio Department of Education
Division of Special Education
933 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085-4087
(614) 466-2650
Frank New, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers state funds for visually handicapped children in local public schools. Provides consultation on educational services.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Ohio.

For further information about local schools, consult the Division of Special Education.

SCHOOLS

Ohio State School for the Blind
5220 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43214
(614) 888-1154
Dennis L. Holmes, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind.
Staff: 127 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1837.
Eligibility: Resident of Ohio; legal school age for visually impaired children. Recommendation for placement by school district of residence.

Health: Speech and hearing; occupational therapy; physical therapy; orientation/mobility; adaptive physical education.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic studies; vocational/skill development; deaf-blind programming. Education Assessment Clinic schedules and provides free multifactored assessments of visually impaired and deaf-blind children, when requested by residence school district.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; special education.
Residential: Cottages.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; scouting; camping; wrestling; extracurricular cheerleading; boys' and girls' track; swimming; forensics; field trips. Refers for day residential summer camp.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or John Saylor, Education Consultant, Ohio Department of Education, Division of Special Education, 933 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085 (614) 466-1470 or 855-7584.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Cleveland Society for the Blind
1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
Michael E. Grady, Executive Director
Janet Stone, Supervisor of Children's Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services to visually impaired persons.
Staff: 5 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
Transportation: Y.
Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision evaluation with full agency services available; occupational, speech, and language therapy; other health services available on referral basis; other specialists available as consultants.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Family counseling; workshop for professionals and parents.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home- and center-based programs for children 0-5 years, with or without other disabilities. Consultant service to other schools and programs.

Wood County Office of Education
1 Courthouse Square
Bowling Green, OH 43402
(419) 352-3933
Dallas Gardner, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public school.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 19 full time (visually handicapped teachers). Various therapists and specialists (including orientation/mobility) available as consultants.
History/Date: Est. 1975-76.
Area Served: Wood, Hancock, Defiance, Henry, Williams, Fulton, Putnam areas.

Health: Adaptive equipment, immunizations, blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.
Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Home-based programs and consultation with other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children, 0-5 years.

Youngstown Society for the Blind and Disabled
2246 Glenwood Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44511
(216) 788-2411
Paul Dustman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations, United Way, and other sources.
Staff: 14 full time (orientation/mobility), 5 part time. Various specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1927.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped/multihandicapped.
Area Served: Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Ashtabula counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Various health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling. Other services available on consultant or referral basis.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Uses itinerant model.

Home- and center-based programs, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/ multihandicapped, 0-5 years. Home- or center-based counseling and recreational programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped, 3-5 years.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Aid to Visually Handicapped
6200 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, OH 45213
(513) 631-2537
Marilyn Krug, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, general books (as time allows).
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Bowling Green Volunteer Braillists
1058 Melrose Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402
(419) 352-7283
Mrs. K. H. Smith, Chairperson

Groups Served: College students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Canton Program for the Visually Handicapped
317 Raff Road, N.W.
Canton, OH 44708
(216) 455-1010
Ralph Ickes, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Cincinnati Public Schools
Visually Handicapped Materials Center
2355 Iowa Street
Cincinnati, OH 45206
(513) 369-4617
Elizabeth R. Collins, Materials Coordinator for the Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, academic.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Cleveland Society for the Blind
1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
Alice Miller, Coordinator, Taping Services
Jean Miske, Coordinator, Braille and Large Print Transcription Services

Groups Served: All ages.
Types/Content: General, all academic subjects.
Media Formats: Braille books, cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Material on request.

Clovernook Home and School for the Blind
7000 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45231
(513) 522-3860
Gerald W. Mundy, Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Dayton Public Schools
Bellhaven School
4401 Free Pike
Dayton, OH 45416
(513) 276-2004
Gerry Schooler, Materials Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Mercy Library
1768 Cedar Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45224
(513) 681-2100
Sister Ruth Kannapel, Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Scripture, biography, miscellaneous.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Ohio Resource Center for Low Incidence and Severely Handicapped
470 Glenmont Avenue
Columbus, OH 43214
(614) 262-6131
Julia Holton Todd, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Temple Israel Sisterhood
333 25th Street, N.W.
Canton, OH 44709
(216) 455-5197
Suzanne Roth, Chairperson, Services for the Blind

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Temple Sisterhood Braille Group
6453 Sylvania Avenue
Toledo, OH 43606
(419) 885-3341
Elaine Hershman, Chairperson, Braille Group

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Literary, textbooks, personal requests.
Media Formats: Braille.
Title Formats: None specified.

Toledo Society for the Blind (The Sight Center)
1819 Canton Avenue
Toledo, OH 43624-1380
(419) 241-1183
Barry A. McEwen, Executive Director

Groups Served: Preschool, K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, individual requests.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books, braille.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Vision Center of Central Ohio, Inc.
1393 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43201
(614) 294-5571
Richard P. Oestreich, Ph.D., Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Youngstown Braille Service
100 Wadsworth Street
Canfield, OH 44406
(216) 533-5989
Al Henderson, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Ohio State University
Department of Educational Services Research
356 Arps Hall, 1945 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43210
Dr. Marjorie E. Ward, Visually Handicapped, (614) 292-8787
Dr. Michael Orlansky, Multihandicapped and Deaf-Blind, (614) 292-8787

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped, the deaf-blind, and the multihandicapped.

University of Toledo
College of Education and Allied Professions
Department of Special Education Services
2801 West Bancroft Street
Toledo, OH 43606
Dr. Ruth C. Lindecker, (419) 537-4316

Undergraduate and graduate (Master's, Doctoral) program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Central Ohio Radio Reading Service (I)
229 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 464-2614
Van. J. Ambrose, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: 50-mile radius from Columbus including Columbus and Franklin County plus 22 neighboring counties.

Receivers Distributed: 1,450; Estimated Listenership: 2,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WOSU-FM, Columbus, 89.7, SCA, NPR.

Cleveland Radio Reading Service (P)
1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
Lynn Brewer, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat. and Sun. 10:00 AM-8:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: Cleveland metropolitan area.

Receivers Distributed: 1,000; Estimated Listenership: 1,500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WCPN-FM Cleveland, 90.3, SCA, NPR.

Miami Valley Radio Reading Organization
University of Dayton—Roesch Library
300 College Park Avenue
Dayton, OH 45469
(513) 228-3023
Marvin E. Rue, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions and state funds.
Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Staff: 2 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: Western Ohio.

Transmission(s) Originates From: WQRP-FM, NPR.

Ohio Educational Broadcasting Network Commission
2470 North Star Road
Columbus, OH 43221
(614) 421-1714
Dave L. Fornshell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM- 12:00 midnight, 7 days a week.
Staff: 35.
History/Date: Est. 1961.

Transmission(s) Originate From: WQRP-FM.

Radio Reading Services of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (I)
317 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 621-4545

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM to 12:00 midnight daily.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Greater Cincinnati area, including southwestern Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana.

Receivers Distributed: 1,000; Estimated Listenership: 1,000-3,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WGUG-FM, Cincinnati, 90.0, SCA, NPR.

Cable: Warner-Amex Cable, 95.7 FM (Ohio) and Storer Cable TV audio Channel B-12 (Kentucky).

Written Communications Radio Service (WCRS) for the Print Handicapped (I)
55 South Main Street
Akron, OH 44308
(216) 376-8999 (Akron) OR (216) 452-2140 (Canton)
Marcia Jonke, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; broadcast hours: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon-10:00 PM; no Saturday broadcast; Sun. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina, parts of Wayne, Ashland, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Caroll counties.

Receivers Distributed: 900; Estimated Listenership: 1,100.
Transmission(s): Local FM station, SCA subcarrier.

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

Talking Book Program/State Library of Ohio
65 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43266-0334
(614) 644-6897

Distributor of talking book machines and accessories.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Cleveland Public Library/Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
325 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114-1271
(216) 623-2911 OR Toll-free in Ohio (1-800) 362-1262
Barbara T. Mates, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds, endowment and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Area Served: Northern Ohio including Columbus.

Regional library lending talking books, cassettes, and braille books. Provides telephone reference and information referral services. Cooperates with the State Library of Ohio and other agencies to have talking book and cassette machines distributed.

National Society to Prevent Blindness Ohio Affiliate
1500 West Third Avenue
Suite 200
Columbus, OH 43212-2874
(614) 464-2020
Sherill K. Williams, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County/ Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
800 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 369-6074 OR Toll-free in Ohio (1-800) 582-0335
Carol Heideman, Regional Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1903.
Area Served: Southern Ohio.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassette books and tapes.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Columbus Volunteer Information Resource Center
Comprehensive Eye Center
700 Children's Drive
Columbus, OH 43205
(614) 461-7647
Robyn Fillman, Vision Specialist

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Greater Cleveland Chapter
13711 Madison Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107
(216) 662-4371
Gerry Webber, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

Association on Handicapped Student Service Programs in Postsecondary Education

Clovernook Printing House for the Blind

Delta Gamma Foundation

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired
400 East Campus-View Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43235-4604
(614) 438-1255
June K. Gutterman, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1908.
Area Served: Ohio.

Health: Medical and eye health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling service.
Employment: Evaluation and vocational training; business enterprise programs.

Local Offices:

Akron: Akron, OH 44308 (216) 379-3060.
Canton: 400 Citizens Savings Building, 110 Central Plaza South, Canton, OH 44702 (216) 452-4946.
Cincinnati: 905 Enquirer Building, 617 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 43202 (513) 852-3223.
Cleveland: 615 West Superior Avenue, Room 750, Cleveland, OH 44113 (216) 622-3375.
Columbus: 402 Broadway Professional Building, 3333 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214 (614) 466-7730.
Dayton: 111 West First Street, Suite 303A, Dayton, OH 45402 (513) 228-6188.
Toledo: 5533 Southwyck Boulevard #101, Suite 5533, Toledo, OH 43614 (419) 866-5811.
Zanesville: 601 Underwood Street, Suite C, Zanesville, OH 43701 (614) 453-0673.

REHABILITATION

Center for the Visually Impaired of Fairfield County, Ohio, Inc.
500-502 North High Street
Lancaster, OH 43130
(614) 687-4785
Kathy Moos, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services to blind and visually limited people in Fairfield County.
Funded By: United Way, private donations, Title XX funds.
Budget: 1986: $49,116.
Staff: 1 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Visual acuity of 20/70 or less in best eye with correction, or visual field of 20 degrees or less.
Area Served: Fairfield County.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Glaucoma screenings; vision screening for preschoolers.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual and family counseling available.
Reading: Serves as lending agent for talking book services and equipment in county.
Recreational: Therapeutic activities for socialization.
Low Vision: Functional examinations; in-house training available.
Low Vision Aids: Assessment and provision of low vision aids.
Low Vision Follow-up: After 1 week.

Cincinnati Association for the Blind
2045 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 221-8558
Carl R. Augusto, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, capital income, contributions, fees from government agencies.
Staff: 39 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1910.
Eligibility: Visual loss that interferes with normal functioning.

Health: Low vision services; glaucoma screenings. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individualized assessment; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies. Information and referral.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player.
Rehabilitation: Personal and home management; braille and other communication skills; orientation/mobility; Kurzweil Reading Machine; closed circuit television.
Recreational: Arts and crafts. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up service; summer work program for teenagers.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Cleveland Society for the Blind
1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
Michael E. Grady, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, capital income, contributions.
Staff: 88 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1906.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Health: Glaucoma and amblyopia screening and referral; audiology testing; diabetic education and counseling; refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family, parent, and couple counseling; and referral to other community services; consultation.
Educational: Educational consultation, orientation/mobility in schools.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation teaching; regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players. Information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand; radio reading services; Ukrainian Taping Service and lending library.
Residential: On-site apartments for in-training students.
Rehabilitation: Counseling; activities of daily living; orientation/mobility; adaptive communications; college prep and vocational readiness program; STORER Computer Access Center and closed circuit televisions; aids and appliances shop. Services for school-age children and early intervention preschool program. Community rehabilitation for seniors. Deaf-blind services.
Recreational: Residential summer camp; full recreational therapy program.
Employment: Food service training and snack bar employment; vocational consultation. Vocational assessment and counseling.
Low Vision: Low vision service.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription and sale of aids.

Clovernook Home and School for the Blind
7000 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45231
(513) 522-3860
Gerald W. Mundy, Ed.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped.
Funded By: Workshop sales, capital income, contributions, fees.
Staff: 27 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1903.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, legally blind, blind of employable age.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling; placement in institution; referral to community services. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; rehabilitation teaching.
Reading: Braille books; braille magazines; transcription to braille.
Residential: Dormitories for adults, multiply handicapped, including long-term care.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; electronic aids; evaluation and training; remedial education; sensory training. Rehabilitation teaching and orientation/mobility instruction in client's home and community.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; bowling; swimming. Refers for residential summer camp.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; follow-up service. Refers for other employment services.

George A. Martin Center
3603 Washington Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45229
(513) 961-0144
William Poole, Administrator

Funded By: Contributions and earnings.
History/Date: Est. 1929.
Area Served: Greater Cincinnati.

Intermediate care nursing facility for the blind.

Goodwill Industries of Dayton, Inc.
1511 Kuntz Road
Dayton, OH 45404
(513) 461-4800
Caroline L. Della Pia, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales and sub-contracts, United Way, contributions, and fees.
Staff: 26 full time, 15 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1934.
Eligibility: Visually, physically, mentally, or emotionally disadvantaged.
Area Served: Montgomery, Greene, Logan, Miami, Shelby, Darke, and Preble counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral service; group work; psychological testing.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; work adjustment; orientation/mobility training; rehabilitation teaching.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; work activities center.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic.
Low Vision Aids: Sells aids and appliances.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center

10600 Springfield Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45246
(513) 771-4800
Joseph S. Byrum, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, and Community Chest.
Staff: 60 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1916.
Eligibility: Any handicap.
Area Served: Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Over 16 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral service; group work; psychological testing.
Residential: Facilities for adults.
Rehabilitation: Personal management.
Recreational: Social activities.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; machine trades; watch school; clerical and janitorial training; industrial sewing.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Philomatheon Society of the Blind, Inc.

2810 Tuscarawas Street West
Canton, OH 44708
(216) 453-9157
Duane Immel, President

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: Contributions.
Staff: 3 full time, 4 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1924.
Eligibility: Totally and legally blind only. Cannot accept diabetics or epilepsy patients. Clients in residential facilities must be able to navigate stairs.

Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player.
Residential: Boarding home for adults.

Samuel W. Bell Home for Sightless, Inc.

1507 Elm Street
Cincinnati, OH 45210
(513) 241-0720
Louis A. Hoff, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Services for legally blind.
Funded By: Endowments and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1925.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Residential facilities for legally blind men, women, and couples.

Toledo Society for the Blind (The Sight Center)

1819 Canton Avenue
Toledo, OH 43624-1380
(419) 241-1183
Barry A. McEwen, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, fees, donations, endowment, and Lions Clubs.
Staff: 16 full time, 10 part time. Uses more than 500 volunteers.
Eligibility: Legally blind; visually impaired.
Area Served: 21 counties of northwestern Ohio, 2 counties of southeastern Michigan.

Health: Vision screening (preschool; school age; adult glaucoma).
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, family, peer, and group counseling; information and referral.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training program for universities, hospitals, interns.
Reading: Talking book distribution and repair center; reading services including radio reading service; braille and large print transcription and duplication; closed circuit televisions; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; children's educational specialist.
Recreational: Summer camp; group social functions.
Low Vision: Eye clinics.
Low Vision Aids: Prescribes spectacles; provides low vision aids training; sells aids and appliances.

Vision Center of Central Ohio, Inc.
1393 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43201
(614) 294-5571
Richard P. Oestreich, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees, sub-contracts, United Way.
Staff: 40 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1927.
Eligibility: Visual disability that constitutes a handicap to employment.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for some eye health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in institution. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; psychological evaluation. Short-term or summer training.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player. Information and referral.
Residential: Dormitory for adults.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory perception; homebound teaching service.
Employment: Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; work adjustment. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment-oriented services. Job-seeking skills training; clerical training.

Local Offices:

Columbus: Vision Center Industries, 3232 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211 (614) 261-9816.

Youngstown Society for the Blind and Disabled
2246 Glenwood Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44511
(216) 788-2411
Paul Dustman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, contributions, workshop sales and sub-contracts, fees.
History/Date: Est. 1920.
Eligibility: Visually impaired and/or physically handicapped.
Area Served: Mahoning, Trumball, Columbiana, Ashtabula counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Operates eye bank. Eyeglasses available. Prevention of blindness program.
Educational: Summer program for preschool, junior high and secondary school-age children.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; communications; orientation/mobility; homemaking.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; follow-up; sheltered workshop.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

STORER Computer Access Center
Cleveland Society for the Blind
1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
Jeffrey J. Moyer, Director, Rehabilitation and Educational Services
David Mansoir, Supervisor, Computer Access Center

Computer Training: Training duration: varies according to individual need; continuum of services available, from evaluation of need to equipment installation and support. Training available for service providers as well as for consumers.

For further information, contact Jeffrey J. Moyer or David Mansoir.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Pilot Dogs, Inc.
625 West Town Street
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 221-6367
John J. Gray, Executive Director

Funded By: Lions Club, Pilot Guide Dog Foundation.
History/Date: Est. 1948 and Inc. 1950.

Trains and supplies dog guides for blind persons. Provides consultation and referral services. Has public education program.

Low Vision Centers

Ohio Ophthalmological Society
65 East State Street, Suite 410
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 464-1662
Michael Batson, Executive Director

Ohio Optometric Association, Inc.
169 East Livingston Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 224-2600
Earl K. Green

Cincinnati Association for the Blind
2045 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 221-8558
Robert Kemper, M.D., Medical Director
Susan Schacht, Low Vision Supervisor

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, contributions, United Way, fees from government agencies.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision specialists; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; vocational placement specialist.
Eligibility: Vision loss that interferes with normal functioning.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on trial; available for purchase after evaluation; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: As indicated.

Cleveland Society for the Blind
1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
Leonard Caminer, O.D.
Robert V. Spurney, M.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, contributions.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri., by appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision assistant.
Eligibility: Vision loss.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for trial; on-site training provided; follow-up.

Further information: Catharine K. Christiansen.

Goodwill Industries of Dayton
1511 Kuntz Road
Dayton, OH 45404
(513) 461-4800
Douglas S. Levy, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: One day per month.
Eligibility: None.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: After 1 month.

Further information: Mary Martin, Director of Rehabilitation.

Medical College of Ohio Low Vision Service
C.S. (Callers' Service), 10008 Arlington Avenue
Toledo, OH 43699
(419) 381-3806
Carol R. Kollarits, M.D., Chairman

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician; low vision assistant. Referrals to audiologist; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation counselor; rehabilitation teacher; social worker; vocational counselor.
Eligibility: Complete eye examination by ophthalmologist within the past 12 months.
Area Served: Northwest Ohio.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; may be purchased.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment within 2 weeks.

Ohio State University College of Optometry Low Vision Clinic
320 West Tenth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210
(614) 292-1113
Greg Good, O.D., Ph.D., Director

Funded By: State funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; residents; ophthalmologists.
Eligibility: Referrals from previous doctor.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment in 6 months as necessary.

Further information: Greg Good, Director.

St. Vincent Medical Center
Low Vision Center
2213 Cherry Street
Toledo, OH 43608
(419) 321-4367
Daniel F. Marcus, M.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmic registered nurse; certified ophthalmic technician.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Northwest Ohio; southeast Michigan.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; provided for purchase. On-site training provided with evaluation.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview; varies according to patient.

Further information: Helen Lawson, RN, Low Vision Specialist.

OKLAHOMA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Oklahoma State Department of Education
Special Education Section
Oliver Hodge Memorial Education Building
2500 North Lincoln
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 521-3351
J. L. V. Prickett, Special Education Section Director
Rex S. Howard, State Coordinator
Joanne Gordoni, Coordinator of Preschool Handicapped, (405) 521-3351

Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending public schools. Provides consultation and in-service training for public schools. Distributes large type books through Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Provides resource and program information through state coordinator.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Oklahoma.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Parkview School of Oklahoma School for the Blind
P.O. Box 309
3300 Gibson Street
Muskogee, OK 74402
(918) 682-6641
R. M. Casey, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped; multihandicapped.
Staff: 133 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1897.
Eligibility: Educable; resident of the state with a visual impairment not adequately served in school district.
Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Audiology services; speech therapy. On-campus dental, pediatric, ophthalmological and physical therapy. Referrals for other services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school.
Educational: Preschool through grade 12. Programs for college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.
Residential: Dormitories, on-site apartments and foster care.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: After-school programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; weekend day camp; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; modified games; archery; weight lifting; goal ball.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vending facility training; work-study. Refers for vocational placement.
Computer Training: Access. At all levels, literacy training for all students.
Low Vision: Low vision service. Sells or lends low vision aids.

Contact local school superintendent for information or Rex S. Howard, State Coordinator, Special Education Section, 2500 North Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 (405) 521-3351.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Little Light House, Inc.
3817 South Lewis
Tulsa, OK 74105
(918) 743-7767
Marcia Mitchell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations.
Budget: 1986-87: $425,000.
Staff: 24 full time (occupational/speech therapists, special educators).
History/Date: Est. 1972.
Eligibility: Physical or mental handicap
Age Requirements: 0-10 years or mental age of 6 years.

Preschools: Serving deaf, blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded.
Professional Training: Vocational special education.
Reading: Braille and large print books.

Developmental center for handicapped children. Non-residential day program.

Parkview School of Oklahoma School for the Blind
P.O. Box 309
3300 Gibson Street
Muskogee, OK 74402
(918) 682-6641
R. M. Casey, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State residential school.
Mission: Services for totally blind; visually impaired; multihandicapped.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations, income from capital funds, state funds.
Staff: Includes visually handicapped and early childhood teachers, orientation/mobility specialists, social workers, physical therapists, psychologist, and others.
Health: Low vision exams; immunizations; adaptive equipment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling. Other consultants' services to parents.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Multihandicapped/visually impaired self-contained classes for 3-5 year olds.

Consultant services to other programs on request for visually handicapped infants, 0-2 years, with or without other handicaps.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1108 N.E. 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 521-3514
Gary Minnerath, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Oklahoma Radio Reading Service
1108 N. E. 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 521-3514
Jim Holder, Programming

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-11:00 PM; no weekend hours.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan region, Stillwater area, including Enid, Poca City.

Receivers Distributed: 1,000; Estimated Listenership: 1,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KCSC-FM, Edmond, 90.1, SCA, NC; KTFX-FM, Tulsa, 103.3, SCA, C; KOSU-FM, Stillwater, 91.7, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1108 N.E. 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 521-3514

Funded By: Public funds administered under the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Division of Visual Services.
History/Date: Est. 1933.
Area Served: Oklahoma. Provides braille material to residents of Kansas.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large type books, cassette tapes, talking book machines and repair service. Provides radio talking book service. Readers service through library volunteers.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

Oklahoma Society to Prevent Blindness
2751 Northwest Expressway
Suite 5
Oklahoma City, OK 73112-7047
(405) 848-7123
Martha Pat Hoover, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Oklahoma Volunteer Information Resource Center
1546 South 76th East Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74112
(918) 663-5555
William Walters, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

ACB Service Net

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Oklahoma State Office of Visual Services
2409 North Kelly Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73126
(405) 424-6006
Jerry Dunlap, Visual Services Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1920.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Health: Contracts for health services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.
Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; radio reading services. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; vending facility training. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.
Low Vision Aids: Has low vision aids or devices.

Local Offices:

Ada: 1628 East Beverly, Ada, OK 74820 (405) 436-2430.
Enid: 2405 South Van Buren, Enid, OK 73702 (405) 233-0244.
Idabel: 1300 S.E. Adams, Idabel, OK 74745 (405) 286-3789.
Lawton: Cameron State University, Room 127, P.O. Box 6398, Lawton, OK 73502 (405) 248-8600.
McAlester: 513 East Choctaw, McAlester, OK 74501 (918) 423-8800.
Muskogee: 3400 Gibson, Muskogee, OK 74401 (918) 683-2873.
Oklahoma City: 1108 N.E 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 (405) 521-3514 (Library for the Blind).
Oklahoma City: 608 Stanton L. Young Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73104 (405) 271-6638.
Oklahoma City: Evaluation Center, 5813 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73109 (405) 636-0140.
Oklahoma City: Merchandise Services, Will Rogers Building, Room B8, 2401 North Lincoln, P.O. Box 25352, Oklahoma City, OK 73125 (405) 521-3371.
Oklahoma City: Vending Facility Warehouse, 3633 North Everest Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 (405) 427-8328.
Tulsa: 444 South Houston, Tulsa, OK 74127 (918) 581-2352.
Vinita: 110 West Canadian, Vinita, OK 74301 (918) 256-5275.
Weatherford: 212 West Franklin, Weatherford, OK 73096 (405) 772-5805.
Woodward: 1904 Main Street, Woodward, OK 73802 (405) 256-6738.

REHABILITATION

New View, Inc.
P.O. Box 35383
Tulsa, OK 74135
(918) 494-9098
Ladd Larson, President of the Board

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fees for service and private contributions.
Staff: 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual and group counseling; training and institution placement; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling services.
Reading: Large print music on slides for sale to schools, agencies and individuals.
Recreational: Individualized for the purpose of instructing visually impaired persons in special skills.
Low Vision: Service staffed by medical doctor and psychologist who instruct clients in the use of low vision aids.

Oklahoma League for the Blind
P.O. Box 24020
Oklahoma City, OK 73124
(405) 232-4644
LeRoy F. Saunders, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts, miscellaneous.
Staff: 16 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Transportation: Y.

Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; follow-up service. Provides consultation to other agencies for some employment services.

Low Vision Centers

Oklahoma State Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
The Enid Eye, Inc.
615 East Oklahoma, Suite 101
Enid, OK 73701
(405) 233-4711
Charles A. Lawrence, M.D., President

Oklahoma Optometric Association, Inc.
Lincoln Plaza Office Center
4545 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 173
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 524-1075
James Leroy Oxford, Ph.D.

College of Optometry
Northeastern State University
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-5511, ext. 4000 OR 458-3160
Linda Edmondson, O.D., Director of Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; federal and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optician; optometrist; optometry student; orthopist; psychologist; social worker.
Eligibility: None (priority given to Indian Health Service eligible patients).
Area Served: Northeastern Oklahoma.

Low Vision Aids: Sold at cost; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site or in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Linda Edmondson, O.D.

Dean A. McGee Eye Institute/Travis Harris Low Vision Center
608 Stanton L. Young Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
(405) 271-2144
Amalia Miranda, M.D., Director, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; county, state, federal funds; foundation grants; personal donations.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic technician. Through ancillary staff of McGee Eye Institute and Oklahoma Department of Human Services: optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

Further information: Amalia Miranda, M.D.

OREGON

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Oregon Department of Education
700 Pringle Parkway, S.E.
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 378-2677
Donald H. Edwards, Director, Regional Programs

Mission: Through six regional programs, provides supplemental state funds for the education of visually impaired and hearing impaired, deaf-blind, orthopedically impaired and autistic children. Offers consultation to local school districts. Lends special education material, including braille and large type books, tape, tape recorders, talking books and talking book machines, needed for the education of visually handicapped children. Offers reading service.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Oregon.

For information about local facilities, consult the Department of Education at the above address.

SCHOOLS

Oregon Department of Education
Special Education Division Program for Deaf-Blind Children
700 Pringle Parkway, S.E.
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 378-3136
Maurine Otos, State Coordinator/Specialist for Deaf-Blind

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Title VI-C.
Budget: 1986: $232,551.
Staff: 1 full time, consultant (visually handicapped certification).
Area Served: Oregon.

Consultant services to programs for deaf-blind children, 0-22 years; statewide vision screening for Ushiro Syndrome. Services provided from program to local education agency/state schools and other agencies serving deaf-blind.

Oregon State School for the Blind
700 Church Street, S.E.
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 378-3820
Donald H. Edwards, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.
Budget: 1986: $1,800,000.
Staff: 55 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1873.
Eligibility: Visually impaired; resident of Oregon where no local educational/training program is appropriate.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Low vision service; physical therapy; general health services; refers for specific health problems; vision stimulation.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent counseling. Consultation for behavioral programs.
Educational: Preschool through grade 6 for general academic studies.
Professional Training: In-service training for staff; internships and practice in cooperation with universities.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; closed circuit television; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial work skills; pre-vocational education; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Services include swimming; bowling; social situations; community resources. Summer programs and student assessment for public school youngsters.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Oregon Department of Education
700 Pringle Parkway, S.E.
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 378-2677
Verne Duncan, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Donald H. Edwards, Director, Regional Programs

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Home-based programs and consultant services for preschool visually handicapped/multihandicapped.
Funded By: Various federal funds and state general fund.

Staff: Certified teachers of the visually impaired plus orientation/mobility specialists.
History/Date: Est. 1951.
Area Served: Oregon.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision exams; adaptive equipment; various health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling and workshops; genetic counseling; other social services.
Educational: Provides direct instruction or consultation/referral in all developmental areas; scholarships for regular preschool attendance. Itinerant model for consultative and direct instruction to children.

Preschool services provided through regional programs. For information, contact: Donald H. Edwards, Director, Regional Programs, Oregon Department of Education, 700 Pringle Parkway, S.E., Salem, OR 97301 (503) 378-2677.

Regional Programs:

Region I: Eastern Oregon Regional Program, Route 4, Box 4778, Lagrande, OR 97850 (503) 963-4106, Linda Johnson, Coordinator.
Region II: Central Oregon Regional Program, 520 N.W. Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701 (503) 389-9711, Kathy Emerson, Coordinator.
Region III: Southern Oregon Regional Program, 101 North Grape Street, Medford, OR 97501 (503) 776-8556, Lew Keller, Coordinator.
Region IV: Cascade Regional Program, 905 Fourth Avenue, S.E., Albany, OR 97321 (503) 967-8822, Lila Kuykendall, Coordinator.
Region V: Mid-Oregon Regional Program, 3400 Portland Road, N.E., Salem, OR 97303 (503) 588-6677, Maurine Casey, Coordinator.
Region VI: Portland Regional Program, 531 S.E. 14th Street, Portland, OR 97214 (503) 280-5665, Vonnie Haley-Condon, Coordinator.

Oregon State School for the Blind
700 Church Street, S.E.
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 378-3820
Donald H. Edwards, Director
Neil Kliewer, Principal

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Programs for visually handicapped, multihandicapped.
Funded By: Private donations and state funds.
Staff: 49 full time (visually handicapped and dually certified teachers), 25 part time for total program. Various therapists and other specialists available on part-time staff or as consultants. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1873.
Area Served: Oregon.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision exams; auditory training, immunizations, and blood tests available on consultant or referral basis; adaptive equipment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Genetic counseling; parent and other counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Noncategorical classrooms for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Oregon State Library
555 13th Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301-0645
(503) 378-3849
Kathleen M. McHarg, Regional Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Oregon Text and Media Center for the Visually Handicapped
531 S.E. 14th Street
Portland, OR 97214
(503) 232-4424
Linda Schmoldt, Resource Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Volunteer Braille Services, Inc.
4001 N.E. Halsey Street
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 284-3339
Mary A. Kirk, Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Portland State University
Department of Special Education
Box 751
Portland, OR 97207
Dr. Sheldon Maron, (503) 229-3000

Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the deaf-blind.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Golden Hours, Inc. (I)
2828 S.W. Front Avenue
Portland, OR 97201
(503) 229-4804 OR 227-2393
Graham Archer, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight; Sat.-Sun. program is simulcast on main channel.
History/Date: Est. 1970.
Area Served: Portland metropolitan area plus portions of northeastern Oregon, the Oregon coast and southwestern Washington.

Receivers Distributed: 800; Estimated Listenership: 5,000, including multiple-listening facilities.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KOAP-FM, Portland, 91.5, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Astoria, Seaside, Depoe Bay, Otis, Lincoln City, Newport, Florence, Prineville, Bend, all FM SCA.

KBPS Seeing Sound (R)
546 N.E. 12th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 280-5828
Dr. Patricia Swenson, General Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 8:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sun. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: Portland metropolitan area.

Transmission(s) Originates From: KBPS-AM, Portland, 1450 KHz, Main, NPR.
Cable: TCI Cable, west side of Portland, FM Demod, 90.3.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Low Vision Information Center, Inc.
111 S.W. Harrison Street, #7A
Portland, OR 97201
(503) 222-7483
Larry Harper, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Information and referral services.
Funded By: Client fees, federal funds, public donations.
Hours of Operation: 24 hours via staff and telephone answering machine.

Oregon State Library
Talking Book and Braille Services
State Library Building
555 13th Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301-0645
(503) 378-3849 OR Toll free in Oregon (1-800) 452-0292
Kathleen M. McHarg, Regional Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1933.
Area Served: Oregon.

Regional library providing talking books, braille, tape, and large print. Textbooks and job-related materials produced on cassette or in braille on demand. Reading room with high technology center for use by patrons. Center includes Kurzweil Reading Machine, micro-computers equipped with voice synthesizers, large type screen output, large print laser printer, braille printers.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Oregon Volunteer Information Resource Center
111 S.W. Harrison Street, #7-A
Portland, OR 97201
(503) 222-7483
Larry Harper, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Northern Oregon Chapter
635 Summit Ridge Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058
(503) 296-5857
Carol Tate, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Oregon State Commission for the Blind
535 S.E. 12th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214
(503) 238-8375
Charles E. Young, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for legally blind; totally blind. Special services for persons over 55 years of age with visual impairment.
Funded By: Federal and state appropriations, federal grants, and donations.
Budget: 1986: $2.4 million.
Staff: 47 full time, 5 part time.
Eligibility: Meets definition of legal blindness.
Age Requirements: Over 17 years.
Health: Refers for medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Vocational and personal counseling and guidance. Referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: College prep; remedial education. Accepts legally blind; multiply handicapped.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Refers for reading services.
Residential: Dormitory for adults.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; residential summer camp. Refers for other recreational/leisure services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices. One full-time instructor, 2 weeks training. Contact: Pat MacDonell, Director of Orientation & Career Center for the Blind, (503) 238-8375.
Low Vision: Sells, lends or rents low vision aids or devices.

Local Offices:

Eugene: 541 Williamette, Room 202, Eugene, OR 97401 (503) 686-7990.
Medford: 228 North Holly, Medford, OR 97501 (503) 776-6047.
Salem: 670 Church Street, S.E., Salem, OR 97301 (503) 378-8479.

REHABILITATION

Vision Northwest
6485 S.W. Borland Road
Suite D
Tualatin, OR 97062
(503) 692-2626
Joanne Lucas, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Help reintegrate newly visually impaired persons into community.
Funded By: Foundation grants, private donations, charities.
Staff: 4. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Newly blind, severe visual impairment.
Area Served: Oregon; Washington; Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling for adjustment to severe vision loss. Psychological services available.
Rehabilitation: Peer support groups; information and referral services.

Volunteer Braille Services, Inc.
Independent Living Center
4001 N.E. Halsey Street
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 284-3339
Mary A. Kirk, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Independent living services.
Funded By: Federal grants, donations.
Budget: 1986: $250,000.
Staff: 9.
History/Date: Est. 1957 and Inc. 1980.
Eligibility: Non-vocational adult; severe vision loss.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual/group/family counseling; community services. Refers for social/psychological testing and evaluation.
Educational: Refers for school/training placement.

Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills both on/off premises.
Recreational: Continuing education; arts/crafts; special programs for the elderly.

Low Vision Centers

Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology
434 Villa Road
Newburg, OR 97132
(503) 538-1431
David Larson, M.D., President

Oregon Optometric Association
17898 S.W. McEwan Road
Portland, OR 97224
(503) 639-5036

Oregon Health Sciences University/Department of Ophthalmology
Low Vision Aid Clinic
3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road
Portland, OR 97201
(503) 225-8386
Thomas Talboe, M.D.

Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician; social worker; genetic counselor; audiologist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.
Eligibility: Referral by Oregon State Commission for the Blind or by ophthalmologist with ophthalmology report.
Area Served: Oregon and southern Washington.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

Further information: Dr. Talboe.

Pacific University
College of Optometry
2043 College Way
Forest Grove, OR 97116
(503) 357-6151, ext. 340
John Krebsbach, O.D., Coordinator, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Wed. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optician; rehabilitation teacher; occupational therapist; psychologist; counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Portland Optometric Clinic of Pacific University
1976 S.W. Sixth Avenue
Portland, OR 97201
(503) 224-2323 OR TDD (telecommunication device for the deaf) (503) 241-0222
Scott Overton, O.D., Director, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; orientation/mobility specialist; social worker; consulting ophthalmologist; optician; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

PENNSYLVANIA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education
Box 911, 333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17108
(717) 783-6913
Dr. Gary J. Makuch, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers state funds for education of visually handicapped children including deaf-blind enrolled in public schools and in approved private schools for the blind. Provides funds to local school districts for reader service, aids and appliances, materials, and other services for children attending local schools. Subsidizes statewide materials center for visually handicapped children. Provides consultation for local schools and agencies on education services. Administers small-grant program to assist blind college students.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Pennsylvania.

For information about local programs, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Overbrook School for the Blind
64th Street and Malvern Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151
(215) 877-0313
Dr. Joseph J. Kerr, Jr., Director

Type of Agency: Residential school.
Funded By: State and school district funds.
History/Date: Est. 1832.
Area Served: Pennsylvania and other states.

Educational: Preschool through secondary level. Provides instruction in all areas: computers, mobility, braille, sports, adaptive equipment, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physical education, plus all secondary courses required for a diploma.

Royer-Greaves School for Blind
118 South Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301-1444
(215) 644-1810
Anna C. Perry, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; those with defective speech and/or hearing; controlled epileptics.
Funded By: Fees; capital income; grants; subscriptions; donations.
Budget: 1986: $1,026,107.
Staff: 29 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1921.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-86: 31.
Eligibility: Visual impairment and retardation.
Age Requirements: 6 to 21 years.

Health: Speech therapy; physical therapy. Contracts and refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, family/parent, couple counseling.
Educational: Non-graded. Programs for play/nursery school; training and instruction of multiply handicapped blind pupils.
Preschools: Programs for play/nursery school.
Professional Training: Periodic in-service training programs. Attendance at seminars and conferences. Release time for advanced studies.
Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; braille books and magazines; large print books; recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Daily living skills; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; orientation/mobility (pre-cane); remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; swimming.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation. Contracts with sheltered workshops.

St. Lucy Day School
929 South Farragut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
(215) 382-6325
Sister Martha Francis, Principal

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit day school.
Funded By: Catholic Charities.
Staff: 7 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers for supervision and as teachers' aides.
History/Date: Est. 1955.
Eligibility: Visual acuity of 20/70 or less with best

correction, 20 degrees field restriction; must be ambulatory and without mental handicaps.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-18 years.

Educational: K through eighth grade.
Preschools: Nursery school for infants through age 5.
Professional Training: In-service training programs, summer and short term.
Reading: Talking books/cassettes; braille/large print books; magazines; book selection services; information/referral; transcription; Optacon; closed circuit television; VersaBraille.
Rehabilitation: Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility; remedial education.
Recreational: Arts and crafts, summer day camps available.
Computer Training: On-site training provided.

Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children
201 North Bellefield Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 621-0100
Janet Simon, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; and those having additional handicaps or mental retardation; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.
Funded By: Fees, capital income.
Staff: 211 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1887.
Eligibility: Legally blind, resident of western Pennsylvania.
Area Served: Western Pennsylvania.
Age Requirements: 2 to 21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; low vision service; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual counseling; placement in school, training. Contracts and refers for some other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Preschool through 12th grade; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Preschools: Programs for play/nursery school.
Professional Training: Student teaching in special education; internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility. Regular in-service training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books and magazines; large print books; recorded magazines; closed circuit television; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; expressive arts; hobby groups; bowling; dance; radio; swimming; track; special summer programs for young multiply handicapped students and public school students.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; follow-up service. Refers for job retention; job retraining; vocational placement.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Allegheny Intermediate Unit/Project Dart
200 Commerce Court Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15146
(412) 394-5736
Mary McCormick, Case Manager

Type of Agency: Intermediate education program.
Funded By: P.L. 94-142 monies.
Staff: 2 full time, 16 part time (visually handicapped teacher).
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: Allegheny County and 42 school districts.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in most developmental areas.

Home-based, center-based, and consultant programs on itinerant model for children with visual and other handicaps, 0-5 years.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit
26 North Ninth Street
Lemoyne, PA 17013
(717) 761-6240
Marc A. Bauer, Director of Special Education
Jeanne Leiper, Supervisor, Visually Impaired Program

Type of Agency: Intermediate education program.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies.
Staff: Visually handicapped and dually certified teachers assigned to preschoolers when identified; also serve school-age children. Various therapists available as consultants. Advisory board including parent members for overall preschool program.

History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, North York counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Positioning and handling; various social and health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home-based, center-based, and consultant services using itinerant model for visually handicapped children, 0-5 years, with or without other handicaps.

Overbrook School for the Blind
64th Street and Malvern Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151
(215) 877-0313
Dr. Joseph J. Kerr, Jr., Director

Type of Agency: Residential school.
Funded By: State and school district funds.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: Eastern Pennsylvania.

Health: Adaptive equipment; medical services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Family seminars; summer week for mothers of blind babies.
Educational: Preschool program; program for children, 0-2 years, in parents' homes.

Center-based summer seminar program with follow-up consultation for parents of visually handicapped infants, 0-2 years, with or without other handicaps. Class for visually handicapped children with other mild handicaps, for 3-5 years.

Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children
201 North Bellefield Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 621-0100
Janet Simon, Ph.D., Executive Director
Barbara Zyganski, Admissions Advisor

Type of Agency: Private residential school.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations, endowment income, state funds, United Way, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program. Various grants from National Institute for Handicapped Research, National March of Dimes, other foundations.
Staff: Includes visually handicapped teachers, child development specialists, orientation/mobility specialists, various therapists, and medical specialists. Advisory board with parent members.
History/Date: Preschool program est. 1979; infant program est. 1981.
Transportation: Y.
Publications: *Insights*.

Center-based program with home component for visually handicapped infants, 0-2 years, with or without additional impairments. Multihandicapped classes, and classes for visually handicapped preschoolers, 2-5 years old. Provides instruction in all developmental areas, adaptive equipment, parent and other counseling, low vision exams.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Pathfinder School
Donati Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102
(412) 963-0452
William B. Thomason, Vision Program Administrator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Associated Services for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, computer manuals.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Serving Montgomery County
704 West Marshall Street
Norristown, PA 19401
(215) 272-7190
Mary C. Sweeney, Executive Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, business.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Association of Pleasant Hills Community Church
102 East Bruceton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
(412) 655-4379

Mrs. A. J. Brown, Chairperson, Vision Aid Project

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Bower Hill Braille Foundation
70 Moffett Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15243
(412) 561-7624
Janet Smith, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit
2929 Gettysburg Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
(717) 737-6728
Vi Shearer, Materials Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille for a charge.

Helen Keller Braillists
1560 Barclay Hill Road
Beaver, PA 15009
(412) 495-7429
Mary Roberts, Director

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Lehigh Valley Braille Guild
1942 Tilghman Street
Allentown, PA 18104
(215) 432-0510
Joan G. Yehl, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Northland Public Library
300 Cumberland Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
(412) 366-8100
Laura Shelley, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
2843 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-1284
(717) 234-3261
Valerie N. Weiner, Executive Vice President
Albert Clark, Director of Services

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Rodef Shalom Temple Sisterhood
2452 Mount Royal Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
(412) 521-6850
Jane Straussburger, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Technical Assistance for Sensory Impaired Programs
150 South Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109
(717) 657-5840
Francis J. Warkomski, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Temple Sinai Sisterhood
5505 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
(412) 421-9715
Mrs. Henry Cohen, Chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children
201 North Bellefield Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 621-0100
Anthony Erancic, Supervisor of Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Kutztown University
Department of Special Education
Kutztown, PA 19530
(215) 683-4295
Harry Lasky, Contact person

Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Pennsylvania College of Optometry
1200 West Godfrey Street
Philadelphia, PA 19141
Gale Watson, (215) 276-6291
Susan Kershman, (215) 276-6293

Graduate (Master's) program in vision rehabilitation; Master's and certificate programs in special education of the visually handicapped.

University of Pittsburgh
School of Education
Department of Special Education
5M01 Forbes Quadrangle
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
Dr. George Zimmerman, (412) 624-1403

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and dual competency teachers of the visually handicapped/orientation and mobility. Additional coursework available in the area of severely handicapped.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Golden Triangle Radio Information Center (I)
P.O. Box 3663
Pittsburgh, PA 15230
(412) 434-6023
William S. Pasco, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-1:00 AM.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: Pittsburgh greater metropolitan area (12 counties of southwestern Pennsylvania).

Receivers Distributed: 1,700; Estimated Listenership: 3,300.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WDUQ-FM, Pittsburgh, 90.5 SCA, NPR; relays services to Altoona, Pennsylvania.
Cable: TCI Pittsburgh, T.V., audio.

Greater Lehigh Valley Radio Reading Service for the Print Handicapped (RADPRIN) (I)
131 East Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(215) 866-8049
Steve Bray, President

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 10:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-11:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: East central Pennsylvania and some portions of northwest New Jersey.

Receivers Distributed: 100; Estimated Listenership: 150.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WQQQ-FM, Easton, 99.9, SCA, C.

Pell Radio Reading Service for the Blind (P)
228 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
(717) 342-7613 OR 348-1812
Merlin Philips, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-6:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area, including 17 counties in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Receivers Distributed: 350; Estimated Listenership: 375.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WVIA-FM, Scranton, 89.9, SCA, NPR.

Radio Information Center for the Blind (P)
Division of Associated Services for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600

Hours of Operation: 14-19 hours daily.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: Greater Philadelphia area, including portions of New Jersey and Delaware.

Receivers Distributed: 4,000; Estimated Listenership: 4,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WHYY-FM, Philadelphia, 90.9, SCA, NPR.
Main channel used for occasional special programs.

Radio Reading Service of the Association for the Blind and Handicapped (P)
1912 Eighth Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602
(814) 944-2021
Melinda Leighty, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 5:00 PM-8:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: Altoona area and portions of Blair County.

Estimated Listenership: 250.
Transmission(s) Originates From: Warner Amex Cable, Altoona, FM 106.5.
Receives additional programming from reading service in Pennsylvania.

Radio Talking Library
2402 Cherry Street
Erie, PA 16502
(814) 455-0995
Joanne Hale, Director

Hours of Operation: Sun.-Fri. 8:30 AM-12:00 midnight.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: 50-mile radius from Erie, some portions of southwestern New York and northeastern Ohio.

Receivers Distributed: 455; Estimated Listenership: 500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WQLN-FM, Erie, 91.3, SCA, NPR.

Radio Talking Library (P)
244 North Queen Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-7644
Jay Doudna, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM-6:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: Lancaster County in south central Pennsylvania.

Receivers Distributed: 450; Estimated Listenership: 500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WLAN, Lancaster, 96.9, SCA, C.

WRKC-Radio Home Visitor
Kings College
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
(717) 826-5900
Tom Carten, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 10:00 AM-12:00 noon.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: 25-mile radius from Wilkes-Barre.

Estimated Listenership: 15,000 (WRKC reports largely to elderly print-handicapped audiences).
Transmission(s) Originates From: WRKC-FM, Wilkes-Barre, 88.5, Main, NC.

York County Blind Center's Radio Reading Service (P)
800 East King Street
York, PA 17403
(717) 848-1690
Rodger Simmons, Radio Program Director

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM - 2:00 AM, 7 days a week.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: York County.

Receivers Distributed: 325; Estimated Listenership: 700.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WGCB-FM, Red Lion, 96.1, SCA, C.
Local programming is augmented by programs taken from In Touch Networks.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh/Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
4724 Baum Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 687-2440 OR Toll-free in Pennsylvania (1-800) 242-0586
Sue Murdock, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1907.
Area Served: Western Pennsylvania.

Regional library supplying talking books, magazines on disk and cassette, and large print books.

Free Library of Philadelphia/Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 925-3213 OR Toll-free in Pennsylvania (1-800) 222-1754
Michael P. Coyle, Head Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1899.
Area Served: Eastern Pennsylvania.

Regional library supplying talking, braille and large type books, tapes and cassettes. Computer access.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Volunteer Information Resource Center
R.D. #4
Saucon Valley Road
Bethlehem, PA 18015
(215) 866-8919
Doris Smyth, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Mechanicsburg Volunteer Information Resource Center
4713 Delbrook Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(717) 761-4907
Neil Appleby, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

State Library of Pennsylvania/Library Development Division
Box 1601
Harrisburg, PA 17105
(717) 783-5737
Elizabeth A. Funk, Special Library Services Advisor

See also in national listings:

Associated Services for the Blind

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Pennsylvania Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105
(717) 787-6176 OR Toll-free in Pennsylvania (1-800) 622-2892
Norman E. Witman, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1986-87: $12,000,000.
Staff: 173 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1925.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired; resident of Pennsylvania.
Area Served: Pennsylvania.

Health: Diagnostic, public education program; prevention of blindness.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social casework; counseling; consultation and referral; group work.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training program, open to enrollment by other organizations.
Reading: Readers.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home mechanics; personal management; home economics; communications; and independent living.
Employment: Evaluation, pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; vending facility training; supported employment.

Community orientation and mobility provided directly through contract.

Local Offices:

Altoona: Commerce Park, 5000 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 (814) 946-7330.
Erie: Tenth and State Street, 1002 G. Daniel Baldwin Building, Erie, PA 16501 (814) 871-4401.
Harrisburg: 1500 North Second Street, Third Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17102 (717) 787-7500.
Philadelphia: 1327 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 (215) 560-5700.
Pittsburgh: G-10 Kossman Building, Forbes and Stanwix Streets, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 565-5240.
Wilkes-Barre: 96 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 (717) 826-2361.

REHABILITATION

Associated Services for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600
Vincent McVeigh, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Provide resource and training center for blind persons and those losing useful vision.
Funded By: Foundations and trusts; corporations; and the public, including Lions and Lioness Clubs, and special friends. Contracts with federal and state agencies, for-profit and non-profit corporations.
Staff: Approximately 100. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1984 from the merger of Volunteer Services for the Blind, Nevil Institute for Rehabilitation and Service, and Radio Information Center for the Blind.

Health: Blindness prevention through informational programs at senior centers; speakers for corporate, community, and professional organizations; and distribution of information on eye care and blindness prevention at employer and community health fairs.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Support groups; educational and vocational evaluation; escort service to medical appointments and shopping; volunteer visitors for the housebound; telephone peer counselors.
Reading: Volunteer reader service; fills requests for specific braille and large print books. Agency's Multistate Center for the North is one of three distribution and storage facilities for Library of Congress in the country making available more than a quarter of a million volumes to 30 regional and subregional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped from Maine to West Virginia.
Rehabilitation: Center for Independent Living serves older people who are blind or losing useful vision and visually impaired, multihandicapped individuals. It teaches skills in activities for daily living, interpersonal communications, orientation/mobility, and personal communications. Rehabilitation Center, a pre-vocational center-based program, evaluates client skills and provides blindness adjustment training.
Recreational: Deaf-Blind Program has supportive group engaging in recreational and social activities.
Employment: Résumé preparation assistance; skills assessment and counseling; job search assistance; job coaching; job-seeking skills seminars. Employer awareness training.
Computer Training: Electronic Aids Program for training with electronic enhancement devices.
Low Vision Aids: Sense Sations, retail and catalogue store, sells white canes, braille writing materials, talking clocks and calculators, and other aids.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Lehigh County/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
614 North 13th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(215) 433-6018
Frank Labaw, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, endowment.
Staff: 11 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1928.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 677.
Area Served: Lehigh County.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Vision screening and public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Information and referral; casework; peer support groups.
Reading: Braille transcribing; readers; tape recording.
Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching and engineering; mobility instruction; supportive services.
Recreational: Therapeutic recreation; social activities.
Computer Training: Access, including VersaBraille, Cranmer Modified Perkins Brailler, closed circuit television. Voice synthesis.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Serving Montgomery County/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
704 West Marshall Street
Norristown, PA 19401
(215) 272-7190
Mary C. Sweeney, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees, capital income, direct mail solicitation.
Staff: 13 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Contracts, refers and provides consultation for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social

work. Regular in-service training programs, short-term training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette players, Radio Information Center for the Blind special radio receivers; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on request.
Rehabilitation: Personal and home management; braille; gesticulation; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.

Beacon Lodge-Camp for the Blind
P.O. Box 428
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 242-1113
Michael Shotzberger, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped.
Funded By: Lions Club and fees.
Staff: 6 full time; 100 summer staff.
History/Date: Est. 1948.
Eligibility: Blind; visually handicapped.

Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines.
Residential: Dormitories for adults; cabins for children.
Recreational: Residential summer camp; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; wrestling; hiking; basketball; shuffleboard.

Beaver County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
616 Fourth Street
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
(412) 843-1111 OR 728-5555
Jean G. Keller, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, state contract, workshop sales, contributions.
Staff: 8 full time, 500 volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1948.
Number of Clients Served: 1986:4,655.
Area Served: Beaver County.

Health: Remedial eye care; screenings.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Transport/escort; chore services; social recreation; educational activities.
Reading: Braille; large type; talking book machines; radio receivers; readers.
Rehabilitation: Life skills; education; personal management; housing assistance.
Employment: Evaluation; sheltered workshops; sales; caning.

Bedford Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
209 West Pitt Street
Bedford, PA 15522
(814) 623-8214
Lori Schreiber, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Staff: 2 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1948.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, needy.

Berks County Association for the Blind/ Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
2020 Hampden Boulevard
Reading, PA 19604
(215) 375-8407
David R. Neideigh, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, endowment, and contributions.
Budget: 1986: $450,000.
Staff: 10 full time, 8 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1929.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 489.
Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.
Area Served: Berks County.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral; psychological testing.
Reading: Braille and large type books; recorders and talking book machines; readers.
Rehabilitation: Home mechanics; personal management; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Crafts; cooking classes; field trips.
Employment: Pre-vocational training; workshop.

Blaire County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
1912 Eighth Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602
(814) 944-2021
Thomas W. Gehret, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fees for service, workshop sales, sub-contracts, contributions and grants.
Staff: 14 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Area Served: Blaire and Centre counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Eyeglasses; public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral; group work and psychological testing.
Reading: Braille and large type books; recorders; talking books and machines; readers; aids and appliances.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; personal management.
Recreational: Social activities.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; workshop; job readiness.

Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-2333
Jeanette F. Slaw, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for blind.
Staff: 3 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1909.
Eligibility: Philadelphia resident; legally blind.
Age Requirements: 18 years and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual counseling; information and referral service; limited financial aid available.
Recreational: Refers for residential summer camp.

Bucks County Association for the Blind/ Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
P.O. Box 290
Newtown, PA 18940
(215) 968-4731
Elaine R. Welch, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Community fund raising; government grants; contributions.
Staff: 11 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Eligibility: Resident of Bucks County; visually impaired.
Area Served: Bucks County.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Butler County Association for the Blind/ Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
P.O. Box 468
308 West Cunningham Street
Butler, PA 16003-0468
(412) 287-4059
Maddie Riddell, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Public funds, contributions, workshop sales, sub-contracts, and endowments.
History/Date: Est. 1932.
Area Served: Butler County.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Vision screening; examination; eyeglasses; eye bank; industrial eye safety program.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral.
Reading: Braille and large type books; recorders and talking book machines; readers.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Cambria County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
211 Central Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902
(814) 536-3531

Richard C. Bosserman, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped.
Funded By: Fees, workshop sales.
Staff: 41 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1927.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-86: 750.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped; visual acuity of 20/70 or less. For vocational or educational services, mental or physical handicapping conditions determine eligibility.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Prescription of spectacles or aids; has spectacles or low vision aids; evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community service. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded. Programs for vocational/skill development; pre-vocational skill development; social/personal development.
Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; large print books; recorded magazines. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; sheltered workshops. Vocational placement; follow-up service; personal work adjustment training.

Center for Information Resources
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
4025 Chestnut Street
Third Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104-3054
(215) 898-8108
James Vagnoni, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; varying disabilities.
Funded By: Tuitions, grants, donations.
Budget: 1985: $900,000.
Staff: 22 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 60.
Eligibility: High school diploma or high school equivalency degree.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts other multiply handicapped if recognized as employable. Programs for vocational/skill development; training in data processing.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work and social research. Affiliated with University of Pennsylvania. Fieldwork in computer systems development, software development and computer engineering.
Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book tapes; braille books; large print books. Information and referral; tape recording services on request; closed circuit television; large print computer terminals; talking terminals.
Residential: Dormitories for adults.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services; affiliated with rehabilitation center.
Recreational: Refers for adult continuing education services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services. Offers supported and transitional employment programs. Hires disabled persons for data processing jobs through affiliated corporation.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices. Consultation on systems configuration and installation.

Chapin Memorial Home for Aged Blind
1700 Two Mellon Bank Center
Philadelphia, PA 19102
(215) 563-5900
William T. Gibson, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Refers and sponsors admission of elderly, needy blind to Saunders House, Edith R. Rudolphy Residence for the Blind, Broomall Presbyterian Home.
Funded By: Endowment.
Eligibility: Blind; aged 65 and over.

Income supports programs for the elderly blind at Saunders House, Edith R. Rudolphy Residence for the Blind, Broomall Presbyterian Home.

Chester County Association for the Blind/ Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
71 South First Street
Coatesville, PA 19320
(215) 384-2767
Anita Cavuto, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Staff: 5 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1948.
Eligibility: Blindness or visual impairment.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.
Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes. Information and referral; transcription to braille. Tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home. Referral to other agencies.
Low Vision: Low vision service; prescription of spectacles or aids.

Delaware County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
100-106 West 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013
(215) 874-1476
William J. De Angelis, Managing Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Budget: 1985-86: $2,387,110.
Staff: 42 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1943.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-86: 7,722.
Transportation: Escort service.

Health: Provides spectacles or aids; preschool vision and glaucoma screening. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.
Reading: Lends talking book machines, cassette players and makes referrals to the Radio Information Center for the Blind for the client to receive radio services.
Residential: 150 apartments specially equipped and designed for independent living for blind, physically handicapped and elderly. Applications taken from U.S. citizens: Robert H. Stinson Tower, 15th and Arbor Drive, Chester, PA 19013.
Rehabilitation: Personal adjustment to blindness training; communication skills; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; vocational evaluation; psychological testing, individual counseling services; and work adjustment training. Refers, provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; newly blinded group; domestic arts; field trips; aerobics classes; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for vending facility training.

For information: (215) 874-5478, Rehabilitation Department; (215) 874-1478, Workshop/Contract Department; (215) 874-1010, Life Skills Education; (215) 874-1117, Social Services Department; (215) 874-1421, Stinson Tower.

Edith R. Rudolphy Residence for the Blind
3827 Powelton Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 382-6412
Robert McCauley Boston, Executive Vice President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit residence for blind men and women.
Funded By: United Way, trusts, grants.
Budget: 1987: $535,000.
Staff: 31. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1868.
Eligibility: 20/200 vision or less; must pass physical.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Health: General medical services, physical therapy on-site. Refers for eye treatment/evaluation, occupational therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for social evaluation, individual/group counseling, community services.
Professional Training: Limited in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book records/tapes; braille books/ magazines; recorded magazines; large print books.
Residential: Boarding home for adult and elderly individuals.
Rehabilitation: Provides gesticulation skill training.
Recreational: Arts/crafts evenings and weekends; refers to summer camps.
Employment: Provides sheltered workshops.

Erie Center for the Blind and Visually Handicapped/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
2402 Cherry Street
Erie, PA 16502
(814) 455-0995
Tyco V. Swick, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: United Way, workshop sales, endowment, fees, and contributions.
Staff: 6 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1938.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnostic and medical treatment; public education programs.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Casework and referral services.
Reading: Radio talking library; talking book machines.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home management.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.
Low Vision Aids: Low vision aid evaluation and prescription. Aids and appliances.

Fayette County Association for the Blind/ Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
48 Bierer Lane
Uniontown, PA 15401
(412) 437-2791
Nancy C. Shockey, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Workshop sales, capital funds, service clubs, contributions.
Budget: 1986: $107,000.
Staff: 5 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1946.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 829.
Eligibility: Resident of Fayette County.
Area Served: Fayette County.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers for other health services.
Educational: Eye safety; aids and appliances demonstrations to clients and public.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book record player. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Adult social parties. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Low Vision Aids: Prescription of spectacles or aids; has spectacles or low vision aids.

Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind
311 Station Street
Bridgeville, PA 15017
(412) 221-2200
L. Leon Reid, Ph.D., Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally maladjusted.
Funded By: Fees, contributions.
Staff: 29 full time, 24 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1959.
Eligibility: Severely visually handicapped, legally blind.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; general medical services. Refers, contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; other multiply handicapped. Programs for college prep, adjustment training, low vision.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation. In-service training programs; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Bowling; swimming; calisthenics; theater; museums.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement; follow-up service.

Low Vision: Low vision service.

Hazelton Blind Association/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

300 West Broad Street
Hazelton, PA 18201
(717) 455-0421
Margaret M. Matteo, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1946.
Area Served: Hazelton and Luzerne County.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Public education programs; preschool vision screening. Provides aids and appliances; eyeglasses.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Personal management; home management; communications.
Educational: Elementary school education program for blindness and eye safety.
Recreational: Bowling; crafts; bus trips; parties; hair styling service.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults East Central Region Office

P.O. Box 9056
Philadelphia, PA 19113
(215) 521-1370 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Indiana County Blind Association, Inc.

31 South Tenth Street
Indiana, PA 15701
(412) 465-5549
Hazel M. (Rusty) Lomman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped; hearing impaired; visually impaired in concert with any of the preceding.
Funded By: United Way; workshop sales; sub-contracts; grants.
Staff: 4 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Eligibility: Medically diagnosed visual disability that constitutes a handicap to social and economic self-sufficiency, or a progressive condition expected to result in such a handicap.
Transportation: Limited transportation to vision specialists outside the county.
Health: Preschool vision screening. Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychosocial evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; video magnifier; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation in client's home and community. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Limited.
Employment: Sheltered workshops; follow-up service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.
Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision aids or appliances.

Juniata Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

658 Valley Street
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 242-1444
Charles O. Nale, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, United Way, and public funds.
Budget: 1986: $800,000.
Staff: 8 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 800.
Eligibility: Blind, visually impaired.
Area Served: Mifflin, Juniata, and Huntington counties.
Transportation: Escort service.

Health: Prevention of blindness; medical and financial services (for Remedial Eye Care program only); remedial eye care; vision screening; eye safety; and health education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social and financial services available.
Rehabilitation: Life skills and chores.

Lackawanna Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

228 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
(717) 342-7613
Alfred B. Davis, III, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: Sub-contracts, capital income, Lions Club, gifts.
Staff: 10 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1913.
Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Prevention of Blindness Program; eye safety program; preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening clinics. Supplies prevention information via speakers' bureau; films; radio and television. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand. Radio reading service.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Low Vision: Low vision service; spectacles and low vision aids.

Lancaster County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

244 North Queen Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 291-5951
Edward C. McFerren, Executive Director
Larry M. Steninger, Director of Programs and Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions, sub-contracts, endowment, and bequests.
Staff: 21 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1926.
Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired, unable to read newspaper print without correction; visual acuity of 20/70 or less.
Area Served: Lancaster County.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical eye clinic; public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral. Group work.
Preschools: Birth to school age; parent and toddler training (PATT).
Reading: Radio reading service; braille books; braille transcribing and Library of Congress services.
Rehabilitation: Home mechanics. Sells aids and appliances. Daily living skills.
Recreational: Social club; ceramics; pottery; bowling.
Employment: Workshop; home employment.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Lawrence County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

319 North Jefferson Street
New Castle, PA 16101
(412) 652-4571
Frank D. Raffaele, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts and contributions.
Staff: 3 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1947.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Area Served: Lawrence County.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; eyeglasses; eye bank; public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral.
Reading: Braille and large type books; talking book machines.
Recreational: Social activities.
Employment: Workshop; home employment; placement; follow-up.

Lower Susquehanna Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

241 Chestnut Street
Sunbury, PA 17801
(717) 286-1471
Kenneth J. Lenig, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Workshop sales, capital income, direct mail appeal.
Budget: 1986: $80,000.
Staff: 2 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1949.

Health: Refers and contracts for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services.

Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players; braille and large print books; recorded magazines. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Contracts and refers for recreation services.
Employment: Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Low Vision: Low vision service; provides free low vision aids.

Mercer County Blind Association/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

842 North Hermitage Road
P.O. Box 1057
Hermitage, PA 16148
(412) 347-5501
Jonathan Fister, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, workshop sales.
Budget: 1986: $500,000.
Staff: 8 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1947.
Eligibility: Legally blind, visually handicapped.
Transportation: Escort service.

Health: Consultation and referrals to other agencies. Prevention of blindness services including preschool vision screening, glaucoma screenings, blood sugar screenings; eye safety programs; community education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, family, group counseling; referrals to other community services; housing (includes form filing and moving); chore service.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; in-service training programs for other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book machines, cassette players, talking book records and cassettes, large print books and magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand; radio reading service.
Rehabilitation: Independent living skills; personal and home management. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Training in personal and home maintenance, nutrition and adapted aids and appliances.
Recreational: Bowling; field and shopping trips; social gatherings. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Sheltered workshop; employment referrals; follow-up.
Low Vision: Low vision aids and services; prescription of spectacles and aids.

Nevil Children's Center for Sensory Deficits St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Fifth Street and Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19133
(215) 427-5947 OR 427-5951
Mary J. Mostertz, Ed.D., Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Consultative services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; deaf/hearing impaired; speech/language disordered; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Hospital funds.
Staff: 10 full time, 2 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Age Requirements: 0-20 years.

Health: Ophthalmology and otolaryngology. Evaluation and treatment of vision/eye problems and hearing/ear problems in children. Comprehensive pediatric care and access to all pediatric medical and surgical specialties, including genetics. Occupational and physical therapy; audiology.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Assessment of family needs; counseling; liaison with community agencies; coordination of services; parent education; advocacy. Psychological testing and evaluation; speech and language. Parent/infant program for hearing impaired, visually impaired children.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy; physical therapy; social work; special education. Affiliated with Temple University Medical School.

Northampton County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

129 East Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(215) 866-8049
Valerie N. Weiner, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Private contributions.
Staff: 7 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1928.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Adjustment to blindness counseling for individuals and their families; chore service in the home; housing assistance; life skills education (individual and group basis); personal advocacy. Assists clients to properly utilize public services and facilities; refers to community

organizations for in-depth psychological counseling; rehabilitation service; drug/alcohol-related problems.
Reading: Talking book equipment and large print, braille, and recorded literature. Provides transcription service; assists in handling mail and home paperwork.
Rehabilitation: Instruction in home and personal management; orientation/mobility; referral for in-depth vocational rehabilitation.
Recreational: Weekly socialization programs designed to build appropriate communication skills, physical fitness, and adaptive abilities for crafts and homemaking; bowling; crafts, aerobics; lectures; concerts; community tours.
Low Vision: Vision screening for preschool children; purchases eyeglasses and special lenses for low-income people; low vision clinic; prescription of aids and appliances; training in the use of near and distance vision aids and lenses.

North Central Sight Services, Inc./Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

P.O. Box 3292
901 Memorial Avenue
Williamsport, PA 17701
(717) 323-9401
Robert B. Garrett, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, government contracts, endowment and Lions Club.
Staff: 11 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1946.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Area Served: Lycoming, Clinton, Sullivan counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool vision screenings; eye examinations; prevention of blindness services (including intraocular pressure screenings and public education).
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral; individual and group counseling.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; in-service training programs for volunteers and other agencies; radio reading service.
Reading: Talking book machines; large type; braille material; recording services.
Rehabilitation: Home management; communications; personal management; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Field trips; social activities.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.
Computer Training: Access.
Low Vision: Purchase of eyeglasses; low vision aids.

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind/Executive Office

2843 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-1284
(717) 234-3261
Valerie N. Weiner, Executive Vice President
Albert Clark, Director of Services

Mission: Conducts comprehensive programs in prevention of blindness, public information, eye safety, social and special services.
Area Served: Serves 27 counties in Pennsylvania through Executive Office, regional satellite offices, and other affiliated offices.

Publications: *Mainstream* in inkprint. Distributes video on "Diabetes and Your Eyes."

Regional Offices:

Adams County Satellite: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 42 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717) 334-8931.
Centre County Satellite: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 142 West Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823 (814) 355-0500.
Crawford County Satellite: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 280 Clinton Court, Meadeville, PA 16335 (814) 333-3121.
Cumberland County Satellite: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 50 Dickensen Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013 (717) 243-2227.
Franklin County Satellite: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 181 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 263-5393.

Philadelphia Lighthouse of the Blind

1206 West Nedro Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19141
(215) 224-8800
Jack Bunn, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player. Information and referral.
Residential: Residential summer camp. Various services for the blind as needed.

Pittsburgh Blind Association/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

300 South Craig
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 682-5600
Dennis J. Huber, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees, United Way, workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital income, grants.
Budget: 1986: $2,750,000.
Staff: 60 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1910.
Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired with acuity of 20/70 or less.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work. Orientation/mobility and rehabilitation counseling. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services upon request.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for the elderly; bowling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for recreation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; work preparation training program; therapeutic activities center; supported work program; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented service.

Tri-County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

1800 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102-2207
(717) 238-2531
Norman E. Witman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: United Way, sub-contracts, capital income, government grants.
Staff: 7 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1921.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Client and family counseling; information and referral; life skills education; chore service.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork in social work.
Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Recreational: Full range of social/recreational activities.
Employment: Sheltered workshops; vocational placement. Refers for other employment oriented-services.
Computer Training: Access.

Venango County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

406 West First Street
Oil City, PA 16301
(814) 676-1876
Annella M. Camp, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: United Way, endowment, private contributions, Lions Clubs, and grants.
Staff: 4 full time, 2 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1927 and Inc. 1939.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; prescription of spectacles or aids; eye bank. Comprehensive prevention of blindness program.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral services.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books and magazines. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; summer camp; yoga; swimming; shopping trips and excursions.
Low Vision: Low vision service; sells aids.

Washington-Greene County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
566 East Haiden Street
Washington, PA 15301
(412) 228-0770
Jack W. Pilgun II, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions.
Budget: 1986: $1,000,000.
Staff: 9 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1947.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: Washington and Greene counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool vision and remedial eye care and school safety program.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral; chore service.
Recreational: Group activities.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Westmoreland County Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
P.O. Box 1048
212 East Pittsburgh Street
Greensburg, PA 15601
(412) 837-1250

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Contributions.
Staff: 10 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1946.
Eligibility: Blind or visually handicapped.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Vision screenings; remedial eye care.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; video magnifier; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby group; bowling; fishing; outdoor programs.
Employment: Sheltered workshops; follow-up services. Refers for other employment services.

Wilkes-Barre Branch/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
63 North Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
(717) 823-1161
Betty S. Frith, Executive Secretary

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Public funds, endowments and contributions.
Staff: 2 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
Area Served: Serves Luzerne County, except Hazleton area.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral.
Reading: Talking book machines.
Rehabilitation: Communications.
Recreational: Social and recreational activities.

York County Blind Center/Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
800 East King Street
York, PA 17403
(717) 848-1690
William H. Rhinesmith, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded. Advocacy services.
Funded By: Lions Club, United Way, community donations, capital income.
Budget: 1987: $803,000.
Staff: 22 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1932.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Transportation: Y (by volunteers).

Health: Screening services; preschool vision and hearing screening. Adult glaucoma screening; public health education; remedial eye care.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent counseling; placement in rehabilitation training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Reading: Radio reading services; special receivers placed with visually handicapped. Sublending agency for the talking book machine program; provides equipment, materials from the Philadelphia Public Library.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; braille; typing; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Employment: Occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Low Vision: Low vision center providing evaluation and prescription of low vision aids by low vision specialist; follow-up training offered.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Associated Services for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600
Vincent McVeigh, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
History/Date: Est. 1984.

Computer Training: 2 full-time instructors. Training varies according to device.

For information, contact Paula Oto, Computer Support Specialist (215) 627-0600.

Low Vision Centers

Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
4401 Penn Avenue
Suite 1560
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
(412) 687-1414
Dorothy C. Scott, M.D., President

Pennsylvania Optometric Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 3312
Harrisburg, PA 17105
(717) 233-6455
Terry O'H. Stark, C.A.E.

American Rehabilitation Center
423 North 21st Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
(717) 737-2394
Mark B. Cohen, O.D.

Staff: Optometrist; occupational therapist; ophthalmologist.
History/Date: Est. 1985.
Area Served: Central Pennsylvania area.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial home use.

Center for Vision Rehabilitation
1500 Brodhead Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001
(412) 378-8585
Paul B. Freeman, O.D., Director

Funded By: Client fees, county funds, federal and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; occupational therapist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmic assistant; optometrist; optometry student/resident.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial at no charge; provided for purchase. On-site and in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment, home visit or phone interview; varies according to patient.

Further information: Paul B. Freeman.

Elwyn Institute National Rehabilitation Center
Low Vision Rehabilitation Services
4040 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 895-5550
Robert H. Himmelreich, Director

Hours of Operation: Wednesday and Thursday by appointment only.
Staff: Optometrist; vision educator; orientation/mobility specialist; low vision aid trainer.
Eligibility: Visual impairment. Referral from Pennsylvania Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services or private referrals.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Loaned and dispensed if prescribed. Training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: Lisa D. Hall, Coordinator.

Eye and Ear Ambulatory Services Corporation
Eye Clinic
230 Lothrop Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 647-2146 OR 647-2147

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Last Tuesday afternoon and first Wednesday morning of each month.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social

worker; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment at request of referring ophthalmologist.

Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind
311 Station Street
Bridgeville, PA 15017
(412) 221-2200
L. Leon Reid, Ph.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Audiologist; counselor; genetic counselor; low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; special educator; recreation programmer; vocational evaluator; psychiatrist.
Eligibility: Severe visual problem or legally blind; current ophthalmological or optometric report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Prescribed by O.D. or M.D.; on-site or in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment, home visit or phone interview; varies according to patient.

Further information: Dr. Roseann B. Reid, Chairperson, Education.

Pennsylvania College of Optometry William Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation Center, The Eye Institute
1201 West Spencer Street
Philadelphia, PA 19141
(215) 276-6060 OR (1-800) 433-EYES
Richard Brilliant, O.D., Chief, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; optician; social worker; special educator; mobility instructor; genetic counselor; consultation with ophthalmologist available.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: 2 weeks, follow-up visit; 6 months, check-up; 2-year and 5-year recall.

Scheie Eye Institute Department of Ophthalmology/University of Pennsylvania Low Vision Center
51 North 39th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 662-9320
Janet DeBerry Steinberg, O.D., Chief of Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Comprehensive low vision evaluations.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants, donations.
Hours of Operation: Tues., Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1874.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Health: Optometry, ophthalmological consultations, orientation/mobility, genetics consultation.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social worker available.
Low Vision Aids: Available for purchase; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Telephone interviews; return appointment as needed.

Temple University Hospital Ophthalmology Department
3401 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140
(215) 221-3185
Nongnart Romayananda, M.D.

Funded By: Client fees, hospital.
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 40 hours per week.
Staff: Ophthalmology assistant/resident/technician; optician; psychologist; ophthalmologist; social worker available.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan at no charge; sold at cost; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview.

Vision Rehabilitation Clinic/Allied Services for the Handicapped, Inc.
475 Morgan Highway
Scranton, PA 18508
(717) 348-1360 OR 348-1361
Jerome W. Jordon, M.D., Co-director
Leroy Hurwitz, O.D., Co-director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: 1/2 day per week.
Staff: Optometrist; social worker; ophthalmologist; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; psychiatrist; registered nurses; registered physical therapists.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview in 1 month.

Further information: Dr. Hurwitz.

Wills Eye Hospital
Low Vision Service
Ninth and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 928-3450
John B. Jeffers, M.D.
Susan E. Edmonds, O.D.; Scott A. Edmonds, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, foundation grants.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmic resident; ophthalmologist; optometrist.
Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; varies according to patient.

Further information: Susan E. Edmonds, O.D.

PUERTO RICO

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Puerto Rico Department of Education
Special Education Program
Box 759
Hato Rey, PR 00919
(809) 759-7228

For information about local programs, contact the above address.

SCHOOLS

Instituto Loaiza Cordero para Niños Ciegos
Fernandez Juncos 1312
Santurce, PR 00910
(809) 724-0893 OR 722-2498
Awilda Nuñez, Acting Director

Type of Agency: State residential school.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: State and donations.
Staff: 70 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1919.
Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired.
Age Requirements: 5 to 17 years.

Health: Treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; physical therapy. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts and refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 9. Programs for adult continuing education; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Dormitories; food and board.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility; aids; home management; orientation/mobility; community independent living; remedial education; sensory training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; basketball. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Puerto Rico Department of Education
Special Education Program
Hato Rey, PR 00919
(809) 759-7815

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Puerto Rico Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
520 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Stop 8/12, Puerta de Tierra
San Juan, PR 00901
(809) 723-2519
Irving Figueroa, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Puerto Rican culture and history.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of Puerto Rico
P.O. Box 22484
San Juan, PR 99031
Jose Santana, (809) 764-6000

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Puerto Rico Deaf-Blind Parents Association
Projecto Ninos Sordos-Ciegos
Edificio B
Antiguo Hospital Ruiz Soler
Bayamon, PR 00619
(809) 783-9910
Felix Cortez, Contact person

Puerto Rico Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
520 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Stop 8/12, Puerta de Tierra
San Juan, PR 00901
(809) 723-2519
Irving Figueroa, Librarian

Puerto Rico Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc.
P.O. Box 3232
San Juan, PR 00904-3232
(809) 722-3531
See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Puerto Rico Department of Social Services
Box 1118
Hato Rey, PR 00919
(809) 725-1792 OR 724-7400, ext. 2335
Angel L. Jimenez, Assistant Secretary

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1986: $26,792,529.
Staff: 992 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1936.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 37,478.
Eligibility: Vocational handicap.

Health: General health services.
Educational: General academic.
Reading: Reader services for individuals studying for high school diploma or college.
Rehabilitation: Comprehensive services.
Employment: Evaluation; vocational training; placement; vending facility program.
Low Vision: Low vision aids training.

Local Offices:

Hato Rey: Home Teaching Program for Blind Adults, P.O. Box 1118, Hato Rey, PR 00919 (809) 725-1792, 724-7400, ext. 2109.
Hato Rey: Vending Facility Program, P.O. Box 1118, Hato Rey, PR 00919 (809) 725-1792, 724-7400, ext. 2435.
Santurce: Corporation Industries for the Blind of Puerto Rico, San Rafael Street, Stop 20, Santurce, PR 00912 (809) 721-3266.
Santurce: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind of Puerto Rico, 1331 Las Palmas Street, Stop 19, Santurce, PR 00923 (809) 724-2497, 724-7240.

REHABILITATION

Blind Rehabilitation Center/Veterans Administration Medical Center
San Juan, PR 00936
(809) 763-8115
Mark Hieftje, Chief

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

Referral applications by Veterans Administration Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center.

For a description of services offered, see Veterans Administration in Federal Agencies listings.

Home for the Adult Blind
87 Leon Street
Ponce, PR 00731
(809) 842-0331

Type of Agency: State home for blind men and women.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1903.
Area Served: Puerto Rico.

Provides braille; talking book machines.

Low Vision Centers

Puerto Rico Ophthalmological Society
Box 1168
Hato Rey, PR 00191
(809) 758-2404
Vincente Alcaraz, M.D., President

RHODE ISLAND

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Rhode Island Department of Education
22 Hayes Street
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 277-2031
J. Troy Earhart, Commissioner of Education

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides consultation services.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Rhode Island.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or George Barros, Consultant, or Robert Pryhoda, Consultant, Special Education Unit, 22 Hayes Street, Providence, RI 02908 (401) 277-3505.

Information Services

RADIO READING

In-Sight Radio—Division of In-Sight
235 Promenade Street, Suite 301
Providence, RI 02904
(401) 331-0222
Betty Clark, Director, Radio Reading
Judith T. Smith, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1981.
Area Served: Rhode Island, also nearby southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Connecticut.

Receivers Distributed: 300; Estimated Listenership: 750.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WBRU-FM, Providence, 95.5, SCA, C.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Rhode Island Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Department of State Library Services
95 Davis Street
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 277-2726 OR Toll-free in Rhode Island (1-800) 662-5141
Barbara L. Wilson, Regional Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Rhode Island.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large type books, tapes, cassettes, and machines. Operates "Tips-on-Tape" (telephone/tape service), volunteer tape program; has collection of regular print books about handicaps.

Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness
1800-1711 Post Road
(Airport Plaza)
Warwick, RI 02886-9990
(401) 738-1150
Virginia Mendillo, Office Manager

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Rhode Island Volunteer Information Resource Center
18 Payan Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
(401) 828-0520
Diane Plante, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Rhode Island Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
46 Aborn Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 277-2300
John D. Bamford, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program and Randolph-Sheppard vending facilities program.
Funded By: Federal, state grants.
Budget: 1986: $1,300,000.
Staff: 41 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1930. Formerly affiliated with the Helen Keller National Center.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 2,120.

Eligibility: Legally blind; visually impaired (acuity of 20/60); deaf-blind.

Health: Contracts for medical diagnoses; physical restoration and treatment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Casework evaluation; individual, family/parent, group counseling; psychological testing; placement in training, institution; referral to community services; educational placements.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Independent living, specialized contracted program with independent living center for work with diabetic, developmentally disabled, and mobility impaired persons. Deaf-blind specialized program involving identification and supported employment.
Recreational: Contracts for residential and day summer camp.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

REHABILITATION

In-Sight (Rhode Island Association for the Blind)
43 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 941-3322
Judith T. Smith, Executive Director
Phillip F. Janes, Workshop Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions, fees for service, and endowment.
History/Date: Est. 1923.
Area Served: Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Casework; individual, group and family counseling; information and referral.
Educational: Parent seminars; orientation/mobility instruction.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision. Regular in-service training programs; seminars for professionals in allied fields.
Reading: Uses volunteers for taping and recording services and as guides; readers; braille transcribers.
Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; communications; home management; orientation/mobility; and other training. Geriatric Adjustment Center (ages 55 and over); aids and appliances; Independent Living Center.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; In-Sight radio, a radio information service.
Employment: Industrial workshop and chair reseating, (401) 727-1111.

Low Vision Centers

Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
10 Elmgrove Avenue
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 274-5844
Harold Woodcome, Jr., M.D., President

Rhode Island Optometric Association
P. O. Box 8845
Warwick, RI 02888-0845
(401) 461-7550
Rhoda Kelly

In-Sight (Rhode Island Association for the Blind)
1058 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 941-5421
Frank W. DiChiara, O.D., Director, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Hours of Operation: Tues., Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.
Staff: Optometrist; social worker; low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; psychologist/counselor.
Eligibility: Ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Rhode Island.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment with optometrist in 1 month; home visit by social worker as needed.

Further information: Dr. DiChiara.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

South Carolina Department of Education
311 Rutledge Building
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 758-7432
Robert S. Black, Director, Office of Programs for the Handicapped
Mary C. Powers, Consultant, Visually Handicapped Programs

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: South Carolina.

For information about educational services for visually handicapped children, consult the director or vision consultant for the Office of Programs for the Handicapped, South Carolina Department of Education, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 758-7432, or the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

South Carolina School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-handicapped
Cedar Spring Station
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(803) 585-7711
Yvonne Howze, Principal, School for the Blind
Joseph Finnegan, President

Type of Agency: State.
Budget: 1986: $625,000.
Staff: 28 full time. Uses.
History/Date: Est. 1849.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 68 (residential program); 40 (outreach program).
Eligibility: Visual handicap that prevents participation in regular school program.
Age Requirements: 3 to 22 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers and contracts for other eye health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school.
Educational: Preschool through 12. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; football; roller skating. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; floraculture; vending stand training. Contracts for vocational placement.

Provides extensive support to public schools through consultation and direct service in orientation/mobility; itinerant service to public schools available on request. Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Consultant for Visually Handicapped Programs, South Carolina Department of Education, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 758-7432.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Charleston County Schools Vision Program
103 Calhoun Street
Charleston, SC 29403
(803) 722-3462
Jan Lichtenstein, Vision Program Coordinator

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Mission: Provides classes for multihandicapped and visually handicapped children; consultant services to other programs.
Funded By: P.L. 94-142 monies, state and local funds.
Staff: 12 full time (visually handicapped teachers, orientation/mobility), 8 part time. Various therapists and medical specialists available as consultants.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped children, with or without other impairments.
Area Served: Charleston and surrounding counties.
Age Requirements: 3-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams; hearing/speech/vision screening; genetic counseling. Other health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Local Offices:

North Charleston: Lambs Elementary School, 6800 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC 29418 (803) 552-8000.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Charleston County Schools
4720 Jenkins Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29406
(803) 744-7463
Jan Lichtenstein, Vision Program Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, workbooks, dittoes.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7522
William K. James, Commissioner
Suzanne Swaffield, Supervisor, Special Services; Director of Children's Program

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 6 full time (dually certified teachers, plus 3 counselors with visually handicapped certification). Psychologist, occupational therapist, medical specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Has consumer advisory board with parent members.
History/Date: Est. 1967.
Eligibility: Legally blind, with or without other handicaps.
Area Served: South Carolina.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Low vision exams; medical social services (sliding scale).
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Family counseling; parent workshops.
Educational: Orientation/mobility, positioning and handling training available on consultant or referral basis; instruction in most developmental areas.

Home-based, center-based services to legally blind infants and their families; consultant services to other programs.

Local Offices:

Charleston: Charleston District Office, Fairfield Office Park Suite 113, Charleston, SC 29407 (803) 766-5556, Richard King, Children's Services Counselor.
Greenville: Greenville District Office, 699 North Academy Drive, Greenville, SC 29601 (803) 235-0403, Elizabeth McKown, Children's Services Counselor.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7522
Norman J. Verigood, Media Center Manager

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

South Carolina School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-handicapped
Cedar Spring Station
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(803) 585-7711

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

South Carolina State Library Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 821
301 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 737-9970
Frances K. Case, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students.
Types/Content: Recreational, religious.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Theodore Lester Elementary School
3501 East Palmetto Street
Florence, SC 29501
(803) 665-0695
Carol Roy, Resource Teacher for the Visually Handicapped

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of South Carolina
College of Education, Box 57
Columbia, SC 29208
Dr. A. Sandy Parsons, Visual Impairment, Early Childhood Special Education, (803) 777-8131, 777-6582
Dr. Charles J. Vander Kolk, Rehabilitation Counseling, (803) 777-8131, 777-3859

Graduate (Master's) program for teachers of the visually handicapped; Master's program in rehabilitation counseling; doctoral-level program in counselor education.

Information Services

RADIO READING

South Carolina Educational Radio for the Blind (S)
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7555
Bob Somogyi, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-11:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: South Carolina.

Receivers Distributed: 1,600; Estimated Listenership: 2,200.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WLTR-FM, Columbia, 91.3, SCA, NPR; Via network to: WJWJ-FM, Beaufort, 89.9, SCA, NPR (A); WSCI-FM, Charleston, 89.3, SCA, NPR; WEPR-FM, Greenville, 90.1, SCA, NPR (A); WNSC-FM, Rock Hill, 88.9, SCA, NPR (A); WRJA-FM, Sumter, 88.1 SCA, NPR (A).

PRINT, BRAILLE, TAPE

South Carolina Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7522
William K. James, Commissioner

Distributor of talking book machines.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

National Society to Prevent Blindness
South Carolina Affiliate
5301 Trenholm Road
Suite C
Columbia, SC 29206-3211
(803) 787-4040
Edwin McClain, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1811 North Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27635
(919) 733-4376
Charles H. Fox, Librarian

Regional library providing braille books and magazines for residents of South Carolina.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Blue Ridge Chapter
35 Conway Drive
Greenville, SC 29615
(803) 233-9935
Jake Green, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

South Carolina State Library
Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 821
301 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 737-9970 OR Toll-free in South Carolina (1-800) 922-7818
Frances K. Case, Director

Provides talking books, tapes, cassettes and large print books.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

South Carolina Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7522 OR Toll-free in South Carolina (1-800) 922-2222
William K. James, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1967.
Area Served: South Carolina.

Health: Diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment; prescribes eyeglasses and optical aids; public education.
Educational: Tuition support.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home economics; communications.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand program; home employment; follow-up.

Local Offices:

Charleston: Fairfield Office Park, Suite 113, Charleston, SC 29407 (803) 766-5556.
Conway: 311 Beaty Street, Conway, SC 29526 (803) 248-2017.
Florence: 152 South McQueen Street, Florence, SC 29501 (803) 669-2154.
Greenville: 669 North Academy Street, Greenville, SC 29601 (803) 235-0403.
Orangeburg: 198 Doyle Street, N.E., Room 101, Orangeburg, SC 29115 (803) 596-3081.
Rock Hill: 339 East Main Street, Suite 3, Rock Hill, SC 29730 (803) 324-1845.
Spartanburg: P.O. Box 11, Cedar Spring Station, Spartanburg, SC 29302 (803) 583-9433 (Campus of South Carolina School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-handicapped).
Walterboro: 776-A North Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, SC 29488 (803) 549-1501.

REHABILITATION

Charleston County Association for the Blind
41 Pitt Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(803) 723-6915
Rita M. Carrow, Executive Secretary

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, workshop sales, endowment, contributions and membership.
History/Date: Est. 1936.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Area Served: Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkley counties.

Health: White canes provided and eyeglasses purchased for needy clients.
Reading: Braille; talking books; talking book machines; readers.
Rehabilitation: Braille instruction and crafts classes.
Recreational: Social activities.
Employment: Sheltered workshops.

Low Vision Centers

South Carolina Society of Ophthalmology
1673 Brabbham Avenue
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 256-7494
Caroline L. Gibbs, M.D., President

South Carolina Optometric Association, Inc.
2730 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205
(803) 799-6721 OR 799-2305
William C. B. Payne, Jr.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind
Columbia Office
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7591
Dr. John Hindersman, Ophthalmologist

Funded By: State funds.
Hours of Operation: One day a week by appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; social worker.
Eligibility: Ophthalmological report within past 6 months.
Area Served: South Carolina.

Computer Training: Access.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview and/or return appointment in 1 month.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind
Spartanburg Office
P.O. Box 11
Cedar Spring Station
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(803) 583-9433
William Spearman, O.D.

Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: One Tuesday each month, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist/low vision specialist.
Eligibility: Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided. Private patient referrals are accepted on an as-available basis.
Area Served: South Carolina.

Low Vision Aids: Provided by agency or purchased by patient; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as applicable.

Further information: Joy F. Rodgers, Clinic Coordinator.

South Carolina Eye Institute
Department of Ophthalmology
University of South Carolina School of Medicine
4 Richland Medical Park
Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4398
Gerald J. Hensley, Ph.D., O.D., Clinical Instructor

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment only.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision specialist; ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic technician; ophthalmology resident; orthoptist; ophthalmic photographer.
Eligibility: Referral from ophthalmologist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase or prescribed; fitted; sold at cost; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

Further information: Dr. Hensley.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Section for Special Education
South Dakota Division of Education
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2293
(605) 773-3315
Dean Myers, Director of Special Education
Paulette Levisen, Early Childhood Coordinator, (605) 773-5239

Type of Agency: State, a division of the State Department of Education and Cultural Affairs.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: South Dakota.

In cooperation with the Division of Service to the Visually Impaired, maintains staff responsible for the education of visually handicapped children.
For further information, consult the Director of the Section for Special Education. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped
423 S.E. 17th Avenue
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605) 622-2580
Mrs. Marje Isaiser, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; orthopedically handicapped.
Budget: 1987: $1,127,483.
Staff: 46 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1900.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped; educable.
Age Requirements: 21 years and under.

Health: Occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts and refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies or other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12; also non-graded. Programs for college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; transcription to braille; limited tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; rifle club; cross country skiing.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service. Contracts and refers for some employment services.
Low Vision: Low vision service.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Confined Leading Blind
P.O. Box 911
Sioux Falls, SD 57117
(605) 339-6600
Dean Hinders, Associate Warden

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, religious, business policies.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2295
(605) 773-3514
Daniel W. Boyd, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Formats: Printed at no charge, supplied in braille with a charge.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Northern State College
Special Education and Communication Disorders
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605) 622-2621
Dr. James McAreavey

Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped
State Library Building
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2295
(605) 773-3514
Daniel W. Boyd, Director

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, tapes, and large print.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Service to the Visually Impaired/South Dakota Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-3195
David Miller, Director, Division of Service to the Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Workshop sales, federal and state funds.
Budget: 1987: $1,236,000.
Staff: 40 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1943.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired and residing in South Dakota.

Health: Diagnosis, evaluation, and physical restoration services resulting in increased visual functioning, including low vision services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Personal adjustment, vocational, peer, and family counseling. Information and referral services. Consultation.
Educational: Assistance with vocational and academic training leading to employment.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training program open to enrollment by other organizations.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; communications; independent living skills; leisure time activity; self-advocacy; and in-home rehabilitation teaching services.
Employment: Vocational evaluation, exploration; work adjustment; and job-seeking skills services. Job placement follow-up; past employment and supported employment services.

Local Offices:

Aberdeen: Service to the Visually Impaired, 115 Fifth Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 622-2395.
Pierre: Service to the Visually Impaired, 912 East Sioux, Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-4921.
Rapid City: Service to the Visually Impaired, Time Square Plaza, 111-A New York Street, Rapid City, SD 57701-1156 (605) 394-2253.
Sioux Falls: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 800 West Avenue North, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796 (605) 339-6581.
Sioux Falls: Service to the Visually Impaired, 817 West Russell, Suite 102, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 (605) 339-6677.

Low Vision Centers

South Dakota Academy of Ophthalmology
2001 South Seventh Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
(605) 343-4120
J. Geoffrey Slingsby, M.D.

South Dakota Optometric Society
P. O. Box 8
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 224-0461
Ronald G. Schmidt

Rehabilitation Center for the Blind
800 West Avenue North
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796
(605) 339-6581
Dale Haugen, O.D.

Funded By: State funds and client fees.
Hours of Operation: Tues. 12:30 PM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; low vision specialist; rehabilitation

teacher; rehabilitation counselor; orientation/mobility instructor.
Eligibility: Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided. Referral from other state agency.
Area Served: South Dakota.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on a loan basis; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview.

Further information: Avis Burgh, Administrative Secretary.

TENNESSEE

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Tennessee Department of Education
132 Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 741-2851
Bob McElrath, Commissioner
Joleta Reynolds, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Special Programs

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1947.

Provides consultation in educational services for local schools and agencies. Distributes braille and large type books, tapes, tape recorders, and talking books.

For information about local programs consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Tennessee School for the Blind
115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 885-2451
Dr. LaRhea Sanford, Supervising Teacher

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Staff: 160 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1844.
Eligibility: Legally blind; resident of Tennessee.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 4-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; mobile preschool family counseling; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12, and non-graded. Programs for college prep; general academic.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; translation to other language; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Dormitories; on-site apartments.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for other recreational service.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training; office occupations; work experience (community).
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision service; prescription of spectacles or aids.
Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up available.

Contact local school superintendent or Dolores Price, Educational Specialist, Tennessee State Department of Education, 813 Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917 (615) 637-3221.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Memphis City Schools
2597 Avey Avenue
Memphis, TN 38112
(901) 454-5286 OR 683-8238
Rutha D. Pegues, Director of Special Education
Lev Williams, Consultant for Visually Limited

Type of Agency: Public school preschool program.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, state funds, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program grants.
Budget: 1986 operating budget for vision program: $631,000.
Staff: For vision program: 31 full time (includes visually handicapped teachers); various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: Memphis.

Health: Adaptive equipment; health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Classes for visually handicapped and multihandicapped children, 3-5 years old. Consultant services to other programs.

Local Offices:

Memphis: Visually Limited Center, 1360 Colonial Road, Memphis, TN (901) 683-8238.

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Visually Impaired/Multihandicapped Program

2601 Bransford Avenue
Nashville, TN 37204
(615) 259-8703
Dr. Cornell Lane, Director of Special Education

Funded By: P.L. 94-142 monies and local school funds.
Staff: 2 full time (visually handicapped/multiply handicapped teacher); 6 part time (includes physical therapist); occupational therapist available as consultant. Uses volunteers, practicum students.
Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling and financial assistance available on referral.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Multihandicapped classroom in special public school.

Tennessee School for the Blind

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 885-2451
Cleo J. Harris, Principal
Rebecca Reddy, Preschool Counselor

Type of Agency: Public residential school.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies and state funds.
Staff: 142 (visually handicapped and dually certified teachers, early childhood/visually handicapped, severely handicapped, orientation/mobility).
History/Date: Est. 1844.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped children with or without other handicaps.
Area Served: Tennessee.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Provides adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, various health services, including low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas.

Center- and home-based programs for visually handicapped children; consultation services to other programs.

Tennessee Services for the Blind

Citizens Plaza Building, 11th Floor
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 741-2095
Terry C. Smith, Director

Type of Agency: State, a division of the Department of Human Services.
Mission: Services to visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 15 full time (rehabilitation teachers).
History/Date: Est. 1943.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, 0-5 years.
Area Served: Entire state.

Health: Adaptive equipment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Instruction in some developmental areas. Home-based, consultant services to other programs.

Local Offices:

Chattanooga: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 540 McCallie Avenue, Fifth Floor, Chattanooga, TN 37402 (615) 634-6410, Reed White, Regional Supervisor.
Columbia: Tennessee Services for the Blind, P.O. Box 457, 6011 Mount Pleasant Pike, Columbia, TN 38401 (615) 388-4015, Carl W. Brown, Jr., Regional Supervisor.
Cookeville: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 100 East Broad, Midtown Plaza, Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 526-9576, Thurman England, Regional Supervisor.
Dyersburg: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 1979 St. John Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024 (901) 285-4220, Bobby Gregory, Regional Supervisor.
Jackson: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 225 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Suite 104-A, Jackson, TN 38301 (901) 423-5620, John R. Warmath, Regional Supervisor.
Johnson City: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 905 Buffalo Street, Johnson City, TN 37604 (615) 929-9142, Clyde T. Bible, Regional Supervisor.
Knoxville: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 531 Hemley Street, Suite 204, Knoxville, TN 37902 (615) 594-6054, Don Bosch, Regional Supervisor.
Memphis: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 170 North Main Street, Room 802, Memphis, TN 38103 (901) 543-7309, Louise Blankenship, Regional Supervisor.

Nashville: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 1720 West End Avenue, Room 301, Nashville, TN 37203 (615) 741-2111, Imogene Hutcherson, Regional Supervisor.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Clover Bottom Developmental Center
275 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Donelson, TN 37214
(615) 889-9247
John B. Redditt, Jr., Director

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Temple Israel Sisterhood
108 St. Andrews Freeway
Memphis, TN 38111
(901) 683-6249
Doris S. Kiersky, Co-chairperson, Services to the Blind

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, personal requests.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Tennessee Department of Education Resource Center for the Visually Handicapped
1210 Foster Avenue
Nashville, TN 37210
(615) 741-5542
Carol McCarroll, Education Consultant

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, tangible aids equipment.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Tennessee Library for the Blind and Handicapped
403 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 741-3915 OR Toll-free in Tennessee (1-800) 342-3308
Francis H. Ezell, Librarian

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Tennessee School for the Blind
115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 885-2451
Laura Lee, Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Tennessee State Prison
Station A
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 741-4611
Les Harrison, Librarian/Coordinator, Braille Program

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, general.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

George Peabody College for Teachers/Vanderbilt University
Box 328, Peabody College
Nashville, TN 37203
Dr. Randall K. Harley, Visually Handicapped, Multihandicapped Blind (615) 322-8160
Dr. Everett Hill, Doctoral Program (615) 322-8160
Dr. Mary-Maureen Hill, Orientation and Mobility, (615) 322-8155

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped blind, and for orientation and mobility specialists.

Information Services

RADIO READING

West Tennessee Talking Library
1850 Peabody Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 725-8833
Steven C. Terry, Sr., Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: 21 counties in west Tennessee.

Receivers Distributed: 800; Estimated Listenership: 4,178.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WKNO-FM, Memphis, 91.1, SCA, NPR; WKBJ-FM, Milan, 92.3, SCA.
Cable: Memphis CATV Inc. FM, 95.9, MHz.

WPLN Talking Library
700 Second Avenue
Nashville, TN 37210
(615) 259-5081
Jim Stanford, Assistant Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 5:00 AM-12:00 midnight; Sun. 2:00 PM-12:00 midnight.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: 50-mile radius from Nashville (31 counties in middle Tennessee).

Receivers Distributed: 1,500; Estimated Listenership: 2,300.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WPLN-FM, Nashville, 90.3, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Recording for the Blind
205 Badger Road
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
(615) 482-3496

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

Tennessee Library for the Blind and Handicapped
403 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 741-3915 OR Toll-free in Tennessee (1-800) 342-3308
Francis H. Ezell, Librarian

Tennessee Society to Prevent Blindness
95 White Bridge Road
Suite 513
Nashville, TN 37205-1427
(615) 352-0450
Alice Orr, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

See also in national listings:

United States Braille Chess Foundation

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Tennessee Division of Rehabilitation Services
Citizens Plaza Building, 11th Floor
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 741-2095
Patsy Mathews, Assistant Commissioner for Rehabilitation Services
Terry C. Smith, Director, Services for the Blind

Type of Agency: State, a division of the Department of Human Services.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees; workshop sales; state and federal funds.
Staff: 30 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1943.
Eligibility: Legally blind or with bilaterally progressive visual loss.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand. Some services may be coordinated with state library.

Residential: Dormitories available at Tennessee Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; special programs for elderly. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Prescription and provision of spectacles or low vision aids.

Local Offices:

Chattanooga: 540 McCallie Avenue, Fifth Floor, Chattanooga, TN 37402 (615) 634-6410, Reed White, Regional Supervisor.
Columbia: P.O. Box 457, 6011 Mount Pleasant Pike, Columbia, TN 38401 (615) 388-4015, Carl W. Brown, Jr., Regional Supervisor.
Cookeville: 100 East Broad, Midtown Plaza, Cookeville, TN 38501 (615) 526-9576, Thurman England, Regional Supervisor.
Dyersburg: 1979 St. John Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024 (901) 285-4220, Bobby Gregory, Regional Supervisor.
Jackson: 225 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Suite 104-A, Jackson, TN 38301 (901) 423-5620, John R. Warmath, Regional Supervisor.
Johnson City: 905 Buffalo Street, Johnson City, TN 37604 (615) 929-9142, Clyde T. Bible, Regional Supervisor.
Knoxville: 531 Hemley Street, Suite 204, Knoxville, TN 37902 (615) 594-6054, Don Bosch, Regional Supervisor.
Memphis: 170 North Main Street, Room 802, Memphis, TN 38103 (901) 543-7309, Louise Blankenship, Regional Supervisor.
Nashville: 1720 West End Avenue, Room 301, Nashville, TN 37203 (615) 741-2111, Imogene Hutcherson, Regional Supervisor.
Nashville: Tennessee Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, Foster Avenue, McCord Hall, Second Floor, Nashville, TN 37211 (615) 741-4011, Richard Long, Director.

REHABILITATION

Alliance for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1331 Union Avenue, Suite 601
Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 276-4444
Greta T. Tyler, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Primary services to non-vocational elderly and infants.
Funded By: Community grants and donations.
Staff: 12 full-time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1983.
Eligibility: Severe visual impairment that limits independence.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group and family counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Reading: Lends braille books. Information and referral; transcription to braille.
Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Recreational: Refers for recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Employment: Refers for employment services.

Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind

4110 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, TN 37209
(615) 741-2251
Allen Broughton, Director

Employment: Provides employment to the blind and legally blind.

Tennessee Rehabilitation Center for the Blind Visually Impaired Services

Ninth and C Streets
Smyrna, TN 37167
(615) 741-4921
Barbara Beltz, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Comprehensive rehabilitation and referral services.
Funded By: Federal and state funds.
Budget: Projected 1987-88: Visually Impaired Services only: $324,000.
Staff: 10.
History/Date: Est. 1985.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; Tennessee resident.
Age Requirements: 17 years or older.

Health: Occupational/physical/speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual/group counseling.
Educational: Adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.
Residential: Dormitory for multiply handicapped adults.
Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills; orientation/mobility; sensory training.
Recreational: Arts/crafts; hobbies; bowling; swimming; evenings/weekends.
Employment: Evaluation; counseling; training; refers for placement in sheltered workshops and vocational placements.
Low Vision Aids: Spectacles and aids sold, rented, loaned.
Low Vision Follow-up: Referred as needed.

Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc.
758 West Morris Boulevard
Morristown, TN 37815-0706
(615) 586-3922
Roy Proffitt, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Fees; workshop sales; capital income.
Staff: 13 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1951.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for some eye health services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind. Programs for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines. Information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Adult continuing education.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

West Tennessee Lions Blind Industries, Inc.
346 St. Paul Avenue
P.O. Box 2175
Memphis, TN 38101-2175
(901) 529-7874
F. Leon Haralson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Workshop sales and sub-contracts.
Staff: 12 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Area Served: Western Tennessee, northern Mississippi, east Arkansas.

Employment: Some vocational training; sheltered workshop.

Low Vision Centers

Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology
Suite 350, Physicians Plaza
988 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
(615) 482-7398
Francis R. Reid, M.D., President

Tennessee Optometric Association
992 Davidson Drive, Suite F
Nashville, TN 37205
(615) 353-0246
Gary Odom

Erlanger Medical Center/Lions Low Vision Service
975 East Third Street
Chattanooga, TN 37377
(615) 778-6163
Deborah D. Sendele, M.D., Department Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Lions Club.
Hours of Operation: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmic resident; ophthalmologist.

Low Vision Aids: Assistance for patients ordering from optical shop.
Low Vision Follow-up: None provided.

Southern College of Optometry
1245 Madison Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 725-0180, ext 274
Robert W. Ebbers, O.D., Low Vision Clinic

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident.

Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; sold at cost; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site and in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Further information: Dr. Ebbers.

TEXAS

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Texas Education Agency
William B. Travis Building, Room 5-120
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 463-9414
Jill Gray, Special Education Program Director
Mary Elder, Early Childhood Intervention Administrator
Modene Johnson and Dainey Lege, Early Childhood Preschool Coordinators
Donna Derkacz, Coordinator, Early Childhood Intervention Program

Mission: Administers state funds for education and related services to visually handicapped children from birth through age 20. Provides consultation, technical assistance, and other support for education programs. Interfaces with other public education services and other agencies serving the handicapped.
Funded By: Public funds.

For further information: Donna Derkacz, Coordinator, Early Childhood Intervention Program, Texas Department of Health, 1110 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78731 (512) 465-2671.

SCHOOLS

Texas School for the Blind
1100 West 45th Street
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 454-8631
William H. Miller, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Budget: 1987: $7,487,000.
Staff: 273 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1856.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 240.
Eligibility: Visually impaired, resident of Texas.
Age Requirements: 5-22 years.

Health: Medical, ophthalmological, and dental treatment for students.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Family counseling; psychological testing; consultation and referral.
Educational: Elementary through secondary level for blind children, including multiply handicapped and deaf-blind; summer school programs. Six-week summer talented and gifted program (TAG-VH); vocational evaluations for public school students; educational assessments for any visually handicapped student; early childhood outreach program statewide.
Professional Training: Summer programs; college-level coursework on campus.
Residential: Facilities for deaf-blind children. Home-style living facilities for elementary and secondary students and group home; supervised facilities for deaf-blind students.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications; occupational therapy; physical therapy.
Recreational: Afterschool and weekend activities.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children
3802 Cole Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 526-8901
Carol Danielson, Education Director

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: Private donations, state funds, United Way.
Staff: 10 full time (visually handicapped, early childhood, severely handicapped teachers; physical therapist; orientation/mobility specialists); 5 part time; other specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.
Area Served: Dallas and surrounding counties.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance; case management.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; consultant services to other programs.
Preschools: Home- and center-based programs for visually handicapped children, 0-5 years. Classes for visually handicapped and multihandicapped children, 3-5 years.
Recreational: Annual parent-child camp weekend.

Developmental Education Birth through Two (DEBT Project)

1628 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 747-2641
Gloria Galley, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Public school program.
Funded By: Local taxes, P.L. 94-142 monies, state funds (for rural program), Handicapped Children's Early Education Program Outreach grant, Title IV-B, private donations.
Staff: 20 full time (visually handicapped teacher); 10 part time; various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.
History/Date: Est. 1973.
Area Served: Lubbock Independent School District. Expanded program serving 12-county rural areas in west Texas.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; medical evaluations; genetic counseling. Immunizations available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance; skill-building opportunities for parents; service coordination.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based (some center-based) activities and consultant services for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and other handicapped and high-risk infants, 0-2 years.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.

Region One Education Service Center

1900 West Schunior
Edinburg, TX 78539
(512) 383-5611
Lauro Guerra, Executive Director
Ben Masters, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: Cooperative education program.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: For vision program: 4 full time (visually handicapped and early childhood teachers), 1 part time (dually certified). Advisory board with parent members.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped children, with or without other handicapping conditions.
Area Served: Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, Zapata, Webb, and Jim Hogg counties.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams. Other health services available on referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling. Various other social services available on consultant or referral basis.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped children, 0-3 years, with or without other handicapping conditions. Visually handicapped, multihandicapped, noncategorical, and resource classes for preschoolers, 3-5 years. Uses itinerant model. Consultant services to other programs. Various other instructional services available on consultant or referral basis.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Austin Junior Women's Federation

1406 Wilshire Boulevard
Austin, TX 78722
(512) 385-6935
Margarine G. Beaman, Project Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Career/vocational, miscellaneous.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children

3802 Cole Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 526-8901
Barbara Berry, Braille Coordinator

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Dallas Taping for the Blind, Inc.

3001 Bookhout
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 871-7668
Edward C. Stern, Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, general books other than recreational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Independent Transcribers

4785 Cumberland Circle
El Paso, TX 79903
(915) 565-8793

Carol Sharp, Chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Lighthouse of Houston
3530 West Dallas Avenue
Houston, TX 77019
(713) 527-9561
Barbara Smith, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, menus, cards, general.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.
4615 62nd Street
Lubbock, TX 79414
(806) 792-0667
Cathryn J. Asjes, Volunteer Transcriber

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Midland Tape Library
202 North C Street
Midland, TX 79701
(915) 682-2731
Betty Flora, Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, as requested.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: None specified.

Region Four Education Service Center
P.O. Box 863
Houston, TX 77001
(713) 462-7708
Dr. Frances Stetson, Supervisor, Services for Visually Handicapped Students

Groups Served: K-12, college students.
Types/Content: Textbooks, tests.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: Computer disk listing at no charge.

Texas State Library
Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 12927
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 463-5458 OR Toll-free in Texas (1-800) 252-9605
Dale Propp, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Visual Aid Volunteers, Inc.
630 West Garland Avenue
Garland, TX 75220
(214) 368-1521
Ina King, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Stephen F. Austin State University
SFA Station, Box 13019
Nacogdoches, TX 75962
Robert Bryant, Orientation and Mobility, (713) 569-2906
William Bryan, Dual Competency, (409) 569-2906
Emilie Kief, Visually Handicapped, (409) 569-2906

Undergraduate programs for teachers of the visually handicapped, orientation and mobility specialists, dual competency teachers of the visually handicapped/orientation and mobility.

Texas Tech University
Box 4560
College of Education
Lubbock, TX 79409
Dr. Kent Tyler Wardell, (806) 742-2320
Dr. Virginia Sowell, (806) 742-2345
Dr. Sandy Rosen, (806) 742-2345

Graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped. Graduate programs for dual competency teachers of the visually handicapped/orientation and mobility, teachers of the multihandicapped, and orientation and mobility specialists. Additional coursework in early childhood available.

University of Texas at Austin
Special Education Department, EDB 306
Austin, TX 78712
(512) 471-4161
Dr. Anne Corn, Visually Handicapped
Dr. Jane Erin, Multihandicapped

Certification (post-bachelor's) and graduate (Master's, Doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and the multihandicapped. Additional coursework in early childhood available. Gifted, and other areas of special education and rehabilitation and transitional programming.

Information Services

RADIO READING

El Paso Radio Reading Service (P)
100 Dunne Street
El Paso, TX 79905
(915) 532-4495
Joyce M. Cragin, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 11:30 AM-7:30 PM; Tues.-Thurs. 2:00 PM-3:00 PM and 5:30 PM-6:30 PM in Spanish.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: 60-mile radius from El Paso serving western Texas and south central New Mexico.

Receivers Distributed: 100; Estimated Listenership: 700.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KTEP-FM, El Paso, 88.5, SCA, NPR.

Houston Taping for the Blind Radio (P)
3935 Essex Lane
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 622-2767
Donald F. Knowlton, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight, daily.
Area Served: Houston metropolitan area including Galveston, Texas City, Freeport.

Receivers Distributed: 1,000; Estimated Listenership: 1,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KUHF-FM, Houston, 88.7, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Houston Medical Center TV Audio Channel.

North Texas Radio Reading Service (I)
3001 Bookhout Street
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 871-7668
Dawn Filomena, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: 7 days a week, 5:00 AM-10:00 AM; 3:00 PM-11:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: 100-mile radius from Dallas.

Receivers Distributed: 2,000; Estimated Listenership: 2,000.
Transmission(s) Originates From: KERA-FM, Dallas, 90.1, SCA, NPR.

Soundsight (R)
Center for Telecommunications Services
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX 78712
(512) 471-1631
Vanessa Jackson, Producer
William Giorda, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Sun. 8:00 AM-12:00 noon.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: 42-mile radius from Austin; 87-mile radius from central Texas.

Estimated Listenership: 600-800 (Arbitron Survey).
Transmission(s) Originates From: KUT-FM, Austin, 90.5, Main, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

American Foundation for the Blind
Southwest Regional Center
260 Treadway Plaza
Exchange Park
Dallas, TX 75235
(214) 352-7222

See American Foundation for the Blind in national listings.

Dallas Taping for the Blind, Inc.
3001 Bookhout
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 871-7668
Edward C. Stern, Executive Director

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Reading agency for Library of Congress Talking Book program. Provides textbooks and other printed materials on cassettes. Tapes lent at no cost and sold at minimum cost.

Eye Bank Association of America, Inc.
Cullen Eye Institute
6501 Fannin Street, Suite C307
Houston, TX 77030
(713) 797-9270
Emile J. Farge, Ph.D., Executive Director

See Eye Bank Association of America, Inc. in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
404 West 30th Street
Austin, TX 78705
(512) 477-9390

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Dallas Chapter
10640 Lennox Lane
Dallas, TX 75229
(214) 361-9595
Mary Silverthorne, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Fort Worth Volunteer Information Resource Center
2101 Alston Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76110-2013
(817) 926-6953
Phil Green, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Houston Gulf Coast Chapter
9719 Harrowgate Drive
Houston, TX 77031
(713) 923-2323
Richard Faubion, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
San Antonio Volunteer
Information Resource Center
5151 South Foster Road
San Antonio, TX 78222
(512) 648-1054
Carl Morris, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Texas Panhandle Volunteer Information Resource Center
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Lubbock, TX 79430
(806) 762-3508
Rockefeller Young and James Price, Contact persons

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
Amarillo Branch
4431 Southwest 45th Street, #204
Amarillo, TX 79109
(806) 359-4431

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
Austin Branch
300 East Huntland
Suite 219
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 451-3732

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
Dallas Branch
3610 Fairmont Street
Dallas, TX 75219
(214) 528-5528
Judith Todd, Branch Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
El Paso Branch
1170 Westmoreland
Suite 234
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 775-1200
Joanne Patton, Branch Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
Fort Worth Branch
329 South Henderson
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 332-8125
Rebecca Utley, Branch Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
Galveston Branch
P.O. Box 2050
Galveston, TX 77553
(409) 762-9074
Susan Brink, Branch Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
Houston Branch
3211 West Dallas Avenue
Houston, TX 77019-3400
(713) 526-2559
Laverne Wade, Branch Executive Director
William Carpenter, President

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
San Antonio Branch
Lamar Building, #211
4335 Piedras West
San Antonio, TX 78228
(512) 734-5051
Ginger Cave, Branch Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness
Tyler Branch
1226 South Vine
Tyler, TX 75701
(214) 592-2671
Debbie Serpas, Branch Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Texas State Library
Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 12927
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 463-5458 OR Toll-free in Texas (1-800) 252-9605
Dale Propp, Director

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Area Served: Texas.

Regional library providing talking books, braille and large type books, cassette books.

See also in national listings:

Christian Education for the Blind, Inc

Corneal Dystrophy Foundation

Taping for the Blind

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Texas Commission for the Blind
Administration Building
P.O. Box 12866
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 459-2500
Pat D. Westbrook, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Area Served: Texas.

Health: Contracts for diagnostic, medical, and surgical treatment and low vision clinic.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing; consultation and referral.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand program; business enterprises program; follow-up.

Local Offices:

Amarillo: Security Park East, 7132 Interstate 40 West, Amarillo, TX 79106 (806) 353-9568.
Austin: Administration Building, 4800 North Lamar, (Mailing: P.O. Box 12866, Austin, TX 78711), Austin, TX 78756 (512) 459-2540.

Beaumont: 3515 Fannin Street, Suite 103, Beaumont, TX 77701 (409) 838-5201.
Corpus Christi: 410 South Padre Island Drive, Suite 103, Corpus Christi, TX 78405 (409) 846-0550.
Dallas: 6301 Gaston Avenue, East Tower Suite 450, Dallas, TX 75214 (214) 823-1700.
Fort Worth: 3628 McCart Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76110 (817) 926-4646.
Galveston: Port Holiday Mall, 400 The Strand, Suite 201, Galveston, TX 77550 (409) 762-8631.
Houston: Heights Medical Tower, Suite 407, 427 West 20th, Houston, TX 77008 (713) 880-0721.
Laredo: Building S1, 600 South Sandman, Laredo, TX 78041 (512) 723-2954.
Lubbock: Oak Tree Village Center, 3706-B 20th Street, Lubbock, TX 79410 (806) 799-7999.
Lufkin: Denman Building, 106 West Frank, Lufkin, TX 75901 (409) 634-7733.
Odessa: Building A, Suite 103, 2817 Parkway, Odessa, TX 79762 (915) 368-0881.
Pasadena: Suite 109, 3222 Burke Road, Pasadena, TX 77604 (713) 944-9924.
San Antonio: Heritage Plaza, Suite 300, 410 South Main, San Antonio, TX 78204 (512) 223-3831.
Texarkana: 1423-C College Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503 (214) 793-6779.
Tyler: Fannin Office Plaza, 323 South Fannin, Tyler, TX 75702 (214) 595-4187.
Victoria: El Centro Office Building, Suite 210, 1801 North Laurent, Victoria, TX 77901 (512) 475-2352.
Waco: Suite 112, 415 Lake Air Drive, Waco, TX 76710 (817) 772-9284.
Wichita Falls: Suite #3, 710 Brooke, Wichita Falls, TX 76301 (817) 723-2786.

REHABILITATION

Beacon Lighthouse for the Blind
300 Seventh Street
Wichita Falls, TX 76301
(816) 767-0888
A. W. Edgemon, Executive Director

For service information, call number given above.

Blind Rehabilitation Clinic/Veterans Administration Medical Center
Memorial Drive
Waco, TX 76703
(817) 752-6581, ext. 7492

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the central portion of the country.

Referral applications by Veterans Administration Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Clinic.

For a description of services offered, see Veterans Administration in Federal Agencies listings.

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.
(Mailing: P.O. Box 64420, Dallas, TX 75206)
4245 Office Parkway
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 821-2375
Jeffrey J. Battle, President, Administration
Terry Burleson, Vice President, Rehabilitation Services, Vocational Rehabilitation
Michael Hensley, Program Director, Independent Living Rehabilitation
Robert Hill, Vice President, Industrial Division, Sheltered Workshop Employment

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Revenues from sales of products, private contributions, United Way.
Staff: 175 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1931.
Eligibility: Blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; multihandicapped blind.
Area Served: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall counties.

Rehabilitation: Independent living rehabilitation provides counseling, daily living skills instruction, self-help groups, casework services, and leisure-time activities for blind and legally blind individuals 55 years of age and over; and recreational opportunities for blind, legally blind, deaf-blind and multihandicapped blind adults. Vocational rehabilitation includes vocational evaluation, work adjustment counseling, on-the-job training, therapeutic work activities, Optacon instruction, orientation/mobility training, transitional housing, and casework services. Clients should be referred by the Texas Commission for the Blind.
Employment: Sheltered workshop offers job opportunities from hand packaging/assembly to complex machine operations. Volunteer, intern, and practicum opportunities are available.

Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children
3802 Cole Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 526-8901
Robert H. Berger, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Funded By: United Way and fees for service.
Staff: 21 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1950.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Area Served: Dallas County.
Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Low vision training.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual and group counseling; referral.
Educational: Preschool; scholarships.
Reading: Braille transcription.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; braille; mother-infant class.
Recreational: Summer program for children, 6-18 years.

East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

1716 Forest Avenue
Tyler, TX 75702
(214) 595-3444
Jon E. Samsill, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, income from capital funds, fees, donations.
Budget: 1986:$1,000,000.
Staff: 15 full time, 1 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 141.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Over 18 years.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and tapes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; closed circuit television.
Residential: Dormitory for adults, elderly, multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; video magnifier.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops. Provides consultation to other agencies on other employment services.
Computer Training: Access.

Local Offices:

Longview: 1709 South High Street, Longview, TX (214) 757-9831.
Tyler: Client Services Center, 916 West Bow, Tyler, TX 75702 (214) 595-3444.

El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind

100 Dunne Street
El Paso, TX 79905
(915) 532-4495
Joyce M. Cragin, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Fees; donations; workshop sales; grants.
Staff: 15 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1934.
Eligibility: Legally blind; vocationally handicapped; referral.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player. Information and referral. Operates radio reading service in English and Spanish.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; refers for other rehabilitation services; extensive rehabilitation program for elderly blind persons.
Employment: Occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; enclave; work activity center. Refers for other employment services.
Low Vision: Complete low vision clinic with fitting and training.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
South Central Region Office

4455 LBJ Freeway
Suite 317
Dallas, TX 75244
(214) 490-9617 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Lighthouse of Houston/University of Houston

3530 West Dallas Avenue
Houston, TX 77019
(713) 527-9561
Gibson M. DuTerroil, President
Randall T. Jose, O.D., Director of Clinical Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Industrial sales, sub-contracts, United Way, fees for service, grants and contributions.
Budget: 1985: $10,606,971.
Staff: 227 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1939.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 3,824.
Eligibility: Blind, legally blind, or deaf-blind.
Area Served: Greater Houston area and Texas, southwest region.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Evaluation; psychological testing; counseling; consultation and referral.
Reading: Braille, tape, and large type books. Kurzweil Reading Machine.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; independent living; clerical, word processing, and medical transcription training; computer programming and literacy; multi-care for elderly blind; orientation/mobility; residential services for deaf-blind adults and children.
Recreational: Outdoor activities; music; arts and crafts; sports and games; special events; cultural arts.
Employment: Vocational assessments and training; employment skills development; placement; high school equivalency.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview.

San Antonio Association for the Blind
2305 Roosevelt Avenue
P.O. Box 10230
San Antonio, TX 78210
(512) 533-5195
B. R. Plunkett, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: Fees; donations; bequests; sales.
Staff: 12 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1933.
Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; multiply handicapped; self-referral through local state agency.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for counseling and other social work services.
Educational: Programs for vocational/skill development.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.
Rehabilitation: Vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; personal management; handwriting; typing; orientation/mobility. Refers and contracts for other rehabilitation services.
Employment: Sheltered workshops. Competitive job development and client employment assistance.

South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind
1907 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78469
(512) 883-6553
Barbara Russell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; blind-spastic.
Funded By: Fees; workshop sales; sub-contracts; contributions.
Budget: 1987: $750,000.
Staff: 3 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1964.
Eligibility: Legally blind.
Age Requirements: 18-65 years.
Rehabilitation: Sells special aids and appliances at cost.
Employment: On-the-job training and sheltered workshop employment.

Southwest Lighthouse for the Blind
607 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 747-4215

For service information, call number given above.

Tarrant County Association for the Blind
912 West Broadway
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 332-3341
Robert W. Mósteller, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: United Way, workshop sales, sub-contracts, contributions, endowment, and fees for service.
Staff: 14 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1935.
Number of Clients Served: 1985: 735.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Area Served: Tarrant County, northwest central Texas region.
Transportation: Emergency.

Health: Public education.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral.
Residential: Co-educational living facilities for blind and multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility.
Recreational: Summer day and residential camping programs. Ages 6-14.
Employment: Evaluation; vocational training; placement; work adjustment; sheltered workshop.

Texas Commission for the Blind/Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center

4800 North Lamar
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 467-6300
Pat Pound, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; orthopedically handicapped.
Staff: 53 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Eligibility: Clients of the Commission for the Blind in Texas; legally or totally blind.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy and sensory integration; physical therapy. Refers for speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Vocational rehabilitation counseling services; psychiatric evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts all multiply handicapped. Programs for adult remedial education; college prep; English as a second language.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; teaching; nursing and general rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs; rehabilitation teacher training.
Reading: Talking book cassette player; talking book cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection.
Residential: Dormitories for adults, elderly, multiply handicapped, and on-site apartments for independent living experience.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; sign language; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home and money management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education; sex education; independent living experience. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; evening/weekend programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; camping; canoeing; hiking; bowling; swimming; track; table games. Community recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; pre-vocational skill development. Refers for other employment services.
Low Vision: Low vision service; prescription and provision of spectacles and low vision aids.

Travis Association for the Blind

P.O. Box 3297
Austin, TX 78764
(512) 442-2329
Fred M. Weber, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees, workshop sales.
Staff: 13 full time, 1 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1934.
Eligibility: Visual impairment; supported by state agency; ambulatory.
Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Health: Provides low vision aids. Contracts and refers for other eye health services.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops.

Waco Lighthouse for the Blind

700 South 15th
Waco, TX 76706
(817) 753-6861 OR 753-1062
David Stubblefield, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Fees; contributions; workshop sales; federal grants.
Staff: 6 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1944.
Eligibility: Totally or legally blind; handicapped.
Age Requirements: 18 years and over.

Rehabilitation: Personal, social adjustment.
Employment: Occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops.

West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind
2001 Austin Street
San Angelo, TX 76903
(915) 653-4231 OR Toll-free outside Texas (1-800) 351-4571
Robert B. Porter, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Workshop sales; sub-contracts; training fees.
Staff: 8 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1963.
Eligibility: Visually impaired; referral from state agency.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 18 years.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling; placement in school. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Educational: Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development; preparation for high school equivalency; clerical training. Accepts emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; wheelchair-bound clients.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; social work. Regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille books and large print books; braille magazines; closed circuit television.
Rehabilitation: Braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling; beep ball.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement. Refers for other employment services.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Lighthouse of Houston/University of Houston
3530 West Dallas Avenue
P.O. Box 13435
Houston, TX 77219
(713) 527-9561
Gibson M. DuTerroil, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Hours of Operation: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Eligibility: Blind; legally blind; deaf-blind.
Area Served: Greater Houston area and Texas, southwest region.

Computer Training: 1 full-time instructor; 2-month training course.

For information, contact Debra H. Truitt, Coordinator.

University of Texas, Health Science Center
Department of Ophthalmology
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78284
(512) 696-6163
W. A. J. van Heuven, M.D., Professor and Chairman

Computer Training: 10 full-time instructors; training varies; college prep.

For information, contact Cynthia Guilbeau, Supervisor, Special Services, (512) 454-4721.

Low Vision Centers

Texas Ophthalmological Association
10611 Garland Road
Dallas, TX 75218
(214) 328-3597
William L. Phelps, M.D., President

Texas Optometric Association, Inc.
1016 La Posada, Suite 174
Austin, TX 78752
(512) 451-8476
Stanley Boysen

Dallas Services for the Visually Impaired/Low Vision Clinic
3110 Blackburn
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 522-8651
Dr. Carolyn Carman-Merrifield, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit, multidisciplinary clinic.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluation; private and group

counseling; low vision aid training, orientation/mobility instruction.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan; no rental fee; on-site training available.

Further information: Dr. Carolyn Carman-Merrifield.

El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind/Low Vision Center

100 Dunne Street
El Paso, TX 79905
(915) 532-4495
Joyce M. Cragin, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees; foundation grants; donations.
Hours of Operation: Second Wed. of month 1:00 PM-3:00 PM; second Thurs. 12 noon-2:00 PM; third Wed. 9:00 AM-11:00 AM; last Thurs. 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.
Staff: Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; optometrist.
Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: El Paso and surrounding areas of west Texas, southern New Mexico and northern Mexico.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted at no charge. On-site and in-home training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview; varies according to patient.

Further information: Lloyd Nickerson, Orientation/Mobility Specialist.

Hermann Eye Center, Low Vision Unit

6411 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030
(713) 797-1777, ext. 521
Jack Holladay, M.D., Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision specialists; ophthalmic assistant/technician; ophthalmology residents; optician; rehabilitation counselor; contact lens technician; orthoptist.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided. Loan for trial purpose at no charge; available for purchase after evaluation.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview, home and school visit if necessary.

Further information: Barbara Pesci, R.N., CCRN.

Lighthouse of Houston Low Vision Clinic

3530 West Dallas Avenue
Houston, TX 77019
(713) 527-9561
Randall T. Jose, O.D., Director of Clinical Services

Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; mobility instructor; special education instructor.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview, home visit when possible.

Santa Rosa Low Vision Clinic

P.O. Box 7330, Station A
San Antonio, TX 78285
(512) 228-2578
Dr. Kathleen E. Fraser, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and Santa Rosa Medical Center.
Hours of Operation: Thurs.-Fri. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.
Staff: Orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmology resident; optometrist.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: On-site/in-home training provided.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan at no charge and/or purchase.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

Orientation/mobility specialist trains for use of telescopes for public transportation. Access and training on computer aids and devices.

Texas Tech University, School of Medicine/Health Sciences Center

Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Thompson Hall
Lubbock, TX 79430
(806) 743-2410
James Price, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman
George S. Tyner, M.D., Director of Low Vision Service

Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon. and Thurs. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM weekly.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident;

ophthalmic assistant/technician; rehabilitation counselor.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Southwest Texas.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

Further information: Dr. George S. Tyner.

University of Texas, Health Science Center
Department of Ophthalmology
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78284
(512) 696-6163
W. A. J. van Heuven, M.D., Professor and Chairman

Funded By: Client fees, county funds.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access.
Low Vision Follow-up: None.

Further information: Dr. Martha Walton.

University of Texas/Health Science Center at Dallas
Department of Ophthalmology Low Vision Clinic
5303 Harry Hines
Dallas, TX 75235
(214) 688-3835

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees and Texas Commission for the Blind.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Half glasses, magnifiers and telescopes provided for purchase; on-site training not provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

UTAH

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Utah State Office of Education
Special Education Section
250 East Fifth South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 533-5982
R. Elwood Pace, Coordinator, Special Education Programs
Bonnie Morgan, Early Childhood Specialist, (801) 533-6040

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Utah.

Local school districts administer supplemental state funds for visually handicapped students in local schools. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area or the coordinator of special education programs.

SCHOOLS

Utah School for the Blind
742 Harrison Boulevard
Ogden, UT 84404
(801) 399-3748
George G. Howell, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; children who might also be learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.
Budget: 1985-86: $2,800,000.
Staff: 38 full time, 17 aides, 23 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1896.
Number of Clients Served: 1985-86: 361.
Eligibility: Visually impaired; unable to receive appropriate education in regular public school classroom.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent/infant program.
Educational: Full program of general academic studies; pre-vocational skill development; daily living skills; orientation/mobility classes. Teacher consultant program serving public school students.
Preschools: Preschool classes offered to visually impaired children between ages 3 and 5, with transportation provided.
Professional Training: Internship programs; in-service training, fieldwork with public schools.
Residential: Dormitories for visually impaired students ages 4 1/2-21 provided during the week.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Center and Homebound Preschool Intervention Program
Exceptional Child Center
UMC 68, Utah State University
Logan, UT 84322
(801) 750-2008
Dr. Sebastian Striefel, Director of Services
Dr. Phyllis Cole, Coordinator of Clinical Services
John Killoran, Educational Services Coordinator

Type of Agency: University-affiliated facility.
Funded By: State funds, Titles XIX and XX and fees.
Budget: 1986: $286,453.
Staff: 31 full time (early childhood/visually handicapped, psychologists, occupational therapist); 17 part time (various specialists, graduate assistants). Advisory board with parent members for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped; multiply handicapped.
Area Served: Cache, Box Elder and Rich counties.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Provides adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests; acute illness/emergency sick care; school physicals.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling and training.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home-based program for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and other handicapped infants, 0-3 years. Multihandicapped and noncategorical classrooms for preschoolers, 3-5 years. Consultant services to other programs. Conducts research and training.

Project INSITE
Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind
742 Harrison Boulevard
Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 399-9631
Elizabeth Morgan, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Handicapped Children's Early Education Project at residential school.
Staff: 1 full time (administrator/visually handicapped teacher); 33 part time (teachers, various specialists and therapists, orientation/mobility; includes 8 paid "mother's helpers"/interveners working in homes). Advisory board with parent members.
Eligibility: Visually impaired infants with or without other handicaps.
Area Served: Rural areas of Utah for visually impaired children, statewide for deaf-blind.
Age Requirements: 0-6 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides parent education; parent counseling. Other support services available on consultant or referral basis.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas.

Home-based program for visually impaired infants. Consultant services to other programs.

Utah School for the Blind/Parent-Infant Program (PIP)

742 Harrison Boulevard
Ogden, UT 84404
(801) 399-9631
J. Wayne Noble, Program Coordinator

Type of Agency: State residential school.
Mission: Services for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and deaf-blind children.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, state funds, and limited donations.
Staff: 13 part time (visually handicapped, early childhood, severely handicapped teachers); social worker, psychologist, occupational and physical therapists, orientation/mobility specialist available as consultants. Advisory board with parent members for entire school.
History/Date: PIP est. 1979.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped, with or without other impairments.
Area Served: Entire state.

Health: Adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, and low vision exams available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped infants, 0-2 years, with or without other impairments (includes deaf-blind); home teaching, preschool classes, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and deaf-blind children, 3-5 years.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Utah School for the Blind

742 Harrison Boulevard
Ogden, UT 84404
(801) 399-3748
Karen Jensen, Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Utah State Radio Reading Service (L)

2150 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
(801) 466-6363
Rex Wallgren, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Area Served: Northern Utah.

Receivers Distributed: 2,000; Estimated Listenership: 2,800.
Transmission(s) Originates From: Studios in Salt Lake City to KBYU-FM, Provo, 88.9, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

National Society to Prevent Blindness Utah Affiliate

661 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 524-2020
Colleen Malouf, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Utah Chapter
4196 Abinadi Road
Salt Lake City, UT 84117
(801) 278-3591
Martha Lapetina, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Utah State Library/Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
2150 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
(801) 466-6363
Gerald A. Buttars, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1961.
Area Served: Utah and Wyoming with total library service. Serves Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and Alaska with braille service only.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large type books, books on open-reel tape, and cassette books.

See also in national listings:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/Special Curriculum

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Utah Division of Services for the Visually Handicapped
309 East First South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 533-9393
Wayne Noble, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds, workshop sales, sub-contracts, and fees for service.
Staff: 49 full time, 3 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1919.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.
Area Served: Utah.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral; group work; psychological testing.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork for social work and rehabilitation counseling.
Reading: Talking book machines; readers; Optacon.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; sheltered workshop; vending facility training; follow-up.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision clinic; prescribes eyeglasses.

Local Offices:

Ogden: Ogden Center for the Blind, 538 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401 (801) 393-0166.
Provo: Provo District Office, 285 North First East, Provo, UT 84601 (801) 373-0550.

Low Vision Centers

Utah Ophthalmological Society
540 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
(801) 355-7477
Merrill Oaks, M.D., President

Utah Optometric Association
382 11th Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
(801) 364-9103
Clive Watson

Low Vision Lens Service
309 East First South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 533-9393
Robert M. Christiansen, M.D., Staff Ophthalmologist

Funded By: Client fees; state funds.
Hours of Operation: Second Tuesday and first, third, and fourth Wednesday of the month.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; social worker; rehabilitation teachers; orientation/mobility instructor.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report; referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; sliding fee scale for optical aids; post-clinic training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By visit to home, school or place of employment when requested.

Further information: J. Fred Whitney, Coordinator.

University Medical Center
Department of Ophthalmology
50 North Medical Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84137
(801) 581-2352
Randall J. Olson, M.D., Chairman and Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees, Medicaid/Medicare.

Staff: Ophthalmologist.
Eligibility: Referral and current ophthalmological report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointments.

VERMONT

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Special Education Unit/Vermont Division of Special and Compensatory Education
State Office Building
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 828-3141
Theodore Riggen, Executive Director
Kristin Hawkes, Essential Early Education Consultant
Marc E. Hull, Chief, Special Education Unit
Bob McNamara, Chief, Compensatory Unit

Type of Agency: State, a unit of the Department of Education.
Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools. Provides special educational services for visually handicapped children.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Vermont.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Provides parental counseling and preschool services.
Educational: Offers tuition and fellowships.
Reading: Distributes braille and large type books, tapes and tape recorders.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area or Susan Wells, Program Director, Vermont Association for the Blind, 37 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Vermont Department of Libraries
Special Services Unit
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 828-3273
Josephine Hess, Librarian

Regional library supplying talking book machines, talking books, cassettes, records and large print books. Reference services and volunteer-produced materials available.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Vermont Volunteer Information Resource Center
Vermont Association for the Blind
37 Elmwood Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-1358
Susan Wells, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Vermont Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Osgood Building
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 241-2210
David Mentasti, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers the federal-state rehabilitation program; provides services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.
Budget: 1987: $726,000.
Staff: 12 full time.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 526.
Eligibility: Medically diagnosed visual disability that constitutes a handicap to social and economic self-sufficiency.

Health: Contracts and refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.
Rehabilitation: Contracts and refers for rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Contracts and refers for recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job development; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other employment-related services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Barre: 255 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641 (802) 828-3478.
Burlington: 1193 North Avenue, P.O. Box 3347, Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 863-7530.
Rutland: 173 West Street, Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 773-5822.
Springfield: 262 River Road, Springfield, VT 05156 (802) 885-9133.

REHABILITATION

Vermont Association for the Blind

37 Elmwood Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-1358 OR (1-800) 322-5861
Jules Coté, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for blind and visually impaired; multiply impaired.
Funded By: Capital income; state appropriation; fees for service; fund raising.
Staff: 30 full time and part time.
History/Date: Est. 1926.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 430.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.
Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Information and referral; outreach.
Educational: Special education programs.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.

Local Offices:

Brattleboro: 8 Park Place, Brattleboro, VT 05301 (802) 254-8761.
Montpelier: 58 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602 (802) 223-5618.
Rutland: 128 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 775-6452.

Vermont Association of Business, Industry, and Rehabilitation

128 Merchants Row
Rutland, VT 05701
(802) 775-1357
Sandra Cohen, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Federal grants, contracts, fees for service.
Budget: 1986: $180,000.
Staff: 8 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 850.
Eligibility: Job-ready disabled or vocationally handicapped.

Educational: Programs in industry for vocational/skill development and assessment.
Employment: Vocational skill development; vocational placement; follow-up. Consultation and training to other agencies.

Low Vision Centers

Vermont State Ophthalmological Society

55B Timberlane Medical Center
South Arlington, VT 05401
(802) 658-3530
Peter P. Lawlor, Jr., M.D., President

Vermont Optometric Association

439 Main Street
Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 442-2115
Alexander Tenentes, O.D.

VIRGINIA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped Programs for Infants, Children, and Youth
397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 371-3140
Glen R. Slonneger, Jr., Program Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services to visually impaired and multihandicapped children/youth, birth through 21 years.
Funded By: Public funds.

Works cooperatively with public schools to develop and maintain itinerant and resource room programs for visually impaired children/youth. Provides technical assistance, orientation/mobility services. Braille and large print textbooks, special equipment, and adapted material are available for loan to schools through the agency's instructional material and resource center.

For information about local services, consult the Program Director, Programs for Infants, Children, and Youth, Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped.

SCHOOLS

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton
700 Shell Road
Hampton, VA 23661
(804) 247-2075
Phillip Bellefleur, Ph.D., Superintendent
Steward T. Bowden, Principal, School for the Blind

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 17 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1906.
Eligibility: Blind; Virginia resident living east of I-95.
Area Served: Virginia.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Consultation and referral; group work; psychological testing.
Educational: Preschool through secondary level for blind children, including multiply handicapped.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; follow-up.

Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind
Staunton, VA 24401
(703) 885-9533
Shelton Melton, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Staff: 22 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1839.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 30.
Eligibility: Blind; Virginia resident living west of I-95.
Age Requirements: 6-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school. Refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic studies.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Dormitories and day students.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; physical education. Refers for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; follow-up service.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Children's Rehabilitation Center/University of Virginia Hospital
2270 Ivy Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(804) 924-5500
Sharon L. Hostler, M.D., Medical Director
Peter Blasco, M.D., Pediatrician

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, income from capital funds, state funds, and other sources.
Staff: 190 full time (includes visually handicapped, early childhood, severely handicapped teachers; occupational and physical therapists; various other specialists), 30 part time. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1973.

Health: Adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, health immunizations, and blood tests. Low vision exams, other health services available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Center-based programs and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/ multihandicapped, other handicapped infants, 0-2 years. Multihandicapped and noncategorical classrooms, resource room, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped, other handicapped children, 3-5 years.

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped

397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 371-3140
John A. McCann, Commissioner
Glen R. Slonneger, Jr., Program Director, Program for Infants, Children, and Youth

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies and state funds.
Staff: 25 (visually handicapped and dually certified teachers, orientation/mobility specialists).
History/Date: Est. 1936.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped/multihandicapped children.
Area Served: Virginia.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based programs, consultant services to other programs in private and public facilities, using itinerant model, for visually handicapped/ multihandicapped infants, 0-2 years. Home teaching and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children, 2-5 years.

Contact local school superintendent for program information in local areas. For regional offices in which educational specialists can be found, see Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped in the Rehabilitation Services listings.

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton

700 Shell Road
Hampton, VA 23661
(804) 247-2075
Steward T. Bowden, Principal, School for the Blind

Type of Agency: State residential school.
Funded By: P.L. 89-313 monies, state funds, and other sources.
Staff: Includes visually handicapped and dually certified teachers, orientation/mobility; various specialists and therapists available as part-time staff or consultants. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board (parent members) for overall program.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 30.
Eligibility: Blind; Virginia resident living east of I-95.
Area Served: Virginia.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment, low vision exams, immunization, and blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Classrooms for visually handicapped only, multihandicapped children, 3-5 years.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Frances McIver Braille Transcribers

2701 Cameron Mills Road
Alexandria, VA 22302
(703) 549-4768
Mary Jane Bourdon, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Virginia State Library for the Visually and the Physically Handicapped/Instructional Materials and Resource Center

1901 Roane Street
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 786-8016 OR Toll-free in Virginia (1-800) 552-7015
Mary Ruth Halapatz, Librarian

Information Services

RADIO READING

CenTex (P)
P.O. Box 158
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(804) 229-8541
Jim Micklem, President

Hours of Operation: 24 hours daily, with locally produced programs Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-12:30 PM and 4:00 PM-11:00 PM; Sat. 7:00 AM-1:00 PM. All other hours, simulcast Cable News Network (CNN).
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Tidewater portion of Virginia.

Receivers Distributed: 300; Estimated Listenership: 500.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WOKS-FM, Williamsburg, 96.5, SCA, C.

Radio Reading Service (U)
P.O. Box 8089
Roanoke, VA 24014
(703) 982-7284
Dennis K. Sullivan, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:15 AM-11:00 AM and 3:00 PM-11:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-4:30 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: 80-mile radius from Roanoke, southwestern Virginia.

Receivers Distributed: 425; Estimated Listenership: 475.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WVTF-FM, Roanoke, 89.1, SCA, NPR.

Valley Voice Radio Reading Service for the Print Handicapped
WMRA-FM
James Madison University
Harrisonburg, VA 22807
(703) 568-6221
Lori Rothengass, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-12:00 PM and 4:30 PM-11:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1982.
Area Served: 35-mile radius from Harrisonburg, including Staunton, Waynesboro, New Market, and Charlottesville.

Receivers Distributed: 175; Estimated Listenership: Over 200.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WMRA-FM, Harrisonburg, 90.7, SCA, NPR.

Virginia Voice for the Print Handicapped (I)
P.O. Box 15546
401 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 266-2477
Nick Morgan, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:15 AM-11:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Area Served: Richmond metropolitan areas and, via network, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg area, Norfolk area, Roanoke area, Yorktown area.

Receivers Distributed: 800; Estimated Listenership: 800.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WRFK-FM, Richmond, 106.5, SCA, NPR; relayed via network to: WMRA-FM, Harrisonburg, 90.7, SCA, NPR; WVTF-FM, Roanoke, 89.1, SCA, NPR; WYCS-FM, Yorktown, 91.5, SCA and Main, NC; WHRO-FM, Norfolk, 89.5, SCA, NPR.
Cable: Richmond, FM All Band; Charlottesville, FM All Band and TV Audio Ch.

Voice of the Peninsula
P.O. Box 1469
2890 George Washington Memorial Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
(804) 898-0357
Russell Henderson, Chairperson

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-10:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1972.
Area Served: 30-mile radius from Yorktown, Tidewater areas.

Transmission(s) Subcarrier (6) KHZ of WYCS, Yorktown, VA.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

American Optometric Association
1505 Prince Street, Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 739-9200

See American Optometric Association in national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
Virginia Affiliate
1004 North Thompson, Suite 100
Richmond, VA 23230-4964
(804) 355-0773
Frank Carlomagno, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

Recording for the Blind
1021 Millmont Street
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(804) 293-4797

See Recording for the Blind in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Central Virginia Chapter
P.O. Box 186
St. Stephen's Church, VA 23148
(804) 270-2020
John Trageser, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Virginia State Library for the Visually and the Physically Handicapped
1901 Roane Street
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 786-8016 OR Toll-free in Virginia (1-800) 552-7015
Mary Ruth Halapatz, Librarian

Regional library supplying talking books, cassettes, large print and braille books plus necessary equipment.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

See also in national listings:

American Blind Bowling Association

American Diabetes Association National Service Center

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

Council for Exceptional Children

National Council of State Agencies for the Blind

Opticians Association of America

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped
397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 371-3140
John A. McCann, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Workshop sales; income from general funds; state and federal funds.
Budget: 1985-86: $14,786,867.
Staff: 230 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1922.
Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general and eye medical services. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped if visually impaired; other multiply handicapped capable of meeting educational requirements. Programs for college prep; adapted tests, materials, and equipment.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.
Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand. Department's library also serves the physically handicapped.
Residential: Dormitories for adults, elderly, and multiply handicapped; on-site apartments for adults and elderly while in training at the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; social skills; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing;

video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; track; basketball; pool. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.
Low Vision: Assessment of functional residual vision; evaluation for feasibility of specialized visual aids; prescription of spectacles or low vision aids or devices; provides specialized aids and follow-up training in use of aids and/or use of residual vision. Aids are distributed by in-house optical aids center. Low vision services are obtained by contacting regional offices.

Regional Offices:

Alexandria Regional Office: 205 South Whiting Street, Suite 505, Alexandria, VA 22304 (703) 823-2234.
Bristol Regional Office: 111 Commonwealth Avenue, Bristol, VA 24201 (703) 669-0114.
Norfolk Regional Office: Holiday Inn-Waterside Area-Downtown, 700 Monticello Avenue, Suite 403, Norfolk, VA 23510 (804) 623-8003.
Richmond Regional Office: 4915 Radford Avenue, S.W., Suite 300, Roanoke, VA 23230.
Roanoke Regional Office: Commonwealth of Virginia Building, 210 Church Avenue, S.W., Room B50, Roanoke, VA 24011-1523 (703) 982-7122.
Waynesboro Regional Office: King Plaza West, 1320-R Ohio Street, Waynesboro, VA 22980 (703) 949-6178.

Special Activities:

Richmond: Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 401 Azalea Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227 (804) 371-3151.

REHABILITATION

Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind
6400 Rigsby Road
Richmond, VA 23226
(804) 282-0813
Anne P. Diggs, Executive Secretary

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Membership fees and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1919.

Health: Prescribes eyeglasses.
Recreational: Summer camp.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind
401 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 371-3151
Dennis Garza, Assistant Director for Facilities

Computer Training: 4 full-time instructors; duration of training varies with each individual.

Low Vision Centers

Virginia Society of Ophthalmology
2821 Parham Road, Suite 102
Richmond, VA 23229
(804) 270-0330
David W. MacMillan, M.D., President

Virginia Optometric Association
Old City Hall, Suite 110
1001 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 643-0309
Bruce B. Keeney

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped
397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 371-3140
Jane A. Melgard, M.S., Director, Low Vision Services

Low Vision: Low vision services may be obtained by contacting the department's regional offices. For office locations, see Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped in the Rehabilitation Services listings.

Virginia Eye Institute/Virginia Optometric Center
3114 Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23229
(804) 270-2020 OR 287-4222
Robert M. Malatin, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees (sliding scale); state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; ophthalmologist; low vision specialists.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: None.

Further information: Dr. Malatin.

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind
401 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 371-3151
Lee Albright, O.D.

Funded By: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Thursday twice a month, 8:30 AM-12 noon.
Staff: Low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; work evaluator; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.
Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Virginia.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Virgin Islands Department of Education
State Director of Special Education
P.O. Box 6640
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, VI 00801
(809) 773-1095
Charles W. Turnbull, Commissioner
Maureen Wynter, State Director
Wanda Hamilton, Coordinator, Early Childhood Special Education

Provides special classes for totally blind students. Partially sighted children attend regular classes. Provides reader service for students 15 years and over who qualify.

For information about local facilities, consult the head of schools in the area.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

Virgin Islands Regional Library for the Blind and Handicapped
Lagoon Complex #3
Frederiksted
St. Croix, VI 00840
(809) 772-2250
Michael John Herz, Regional Librarian

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, large type books, cassette tapes, talking book machines, cassette players, and home visits.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Virgin Islands Department of Social Welfare
P.O. Box 550
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, VI 00801
(809) 774-0930
Leonarda Crowley, Director

Type of Agency: Public.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; and all persons with other handicaps.
Funded By: Federal and state funds.
Staff: 26 full time. Uses volunteers.
Eligibility: Handicap that can be aided through services to make client employable.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Contracts for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; other multiply handicapped. Programs for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; information and referral; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Contracts for some rehabilitation services.
Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.

Local Offices:

St. Croix: Vocational Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 146, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820 (809) 773-2323.

REHABILITATION

Division of Aging and Special Programs
Virgin Islands Department of Social Welfare
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, VI 00801
(809) 774-5763
Gwendolyn C. Blake, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1957.

Area Served: Virgin Islands.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility.
Reading: Talking book machines.
Residential: Maintains two homes for the aging blind.
Rehabilitation: Braille; homemaking skills; orientation/mobility.

Local Offices:

St. Croix: Department of Human Resources, Division of Senior Citizen Affairs, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820 (809) 773-2323.
St. Thomas: Department of Human Resources, Division of Senior Citizen Affairs, Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas, VI 00802 (809) 774-0930, 774-0584.

WASHINGTON

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Division of Special Education Services
Old Capitol Building
Olympia, WA 98504
(206) 753-6733
Judy A. Schrag, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services and Professional Program

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides program material and services for visually handicapped children through state handicapped funds.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Washington.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

Washington State School for the Blind
2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661
(206) 696-6630 OR 696-6321
Roy J. Brothers, Ed.D., Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.
Budget: 1986: $2,693,000.
Staff: 80 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers and foster grandparents.
History/Date: Est. 1886.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 70.
Eligibility: Visually impaired.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 3 to 21 years.

Health: Low vision service; follow-up; evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/ social work services, behavior management.
Educational: Grades K through 12. College prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development. Intergration program. Concept development; 24 hour-programming.
Preschools: Play/nursery school.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; speech. Regular in-service training programs. Serves as training center for public school teachers of the visually impaired.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; information and referral transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Cottages for visually handicapped children. Independent apartment living for advanced students.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for residential and day summer camp.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Outreach services to schools throughout the state.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Father Palmer Memorial Braille Service, Inc.
West 905 Riverside Avenue
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 624-9843
Rose Blanchard, President

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/ vocational, religious, any requests.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Northwest Foundation for the Blind
5250 Rainier Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98118
(206) 722-3191
Arnold Sadler, Director

Groups Served: College students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, civic.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Supplied in print and braille at no charge, computer disk listings supplied with a charge.

Seattle Area Braillists
13746 Corliss Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98133
(206) 362-3764
Jeanne Horsey, President

Groups Served: None specified.
Types/Content: None specified.
Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Special Education Materials Clearing House and Depository
14721 Murray Street, S.W.
Tacoma, WA 98439
(206) 756-8535
John Watson, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille/large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

University of Washington
482 Schmitz Hall, PB-07
Seattle, WA 98195
(206) 543-8924
Roxanne L. Baker, Program Coordinator

Groups Served: College students.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Vision Services
1401 Madison, #284
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 386-6666
Jeannette Franks, Community Relations/Volunteer Management

Groups Served: Adults.
Types/Content: Newsletters.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Washington State School for the Blind
2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661
(206) 696-6321
Josephine Pohl, Teacher Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Evergreen Radio Reading Service of the Washington Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
821 Lenora Street
Seattle, WA 98129
(206) 464-6930
Karen Wallin, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-7:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1973 (Seattle), 1983(Spokane), 1986(eastern Washington).
Area Served: 50-mile radius from Seattle in western Washington; all major population centers in eastern Washington.

Receivers Distributed: 1,300 (Seattle), 150 (eastern Washington); Estimated Listenership: 3,000. Transmission(s) Originates From: KUOW-FM, Seattle, 94.9, from Seattle via Washington Educational Telecommunication System (Microwave) to eastern Washington through KFAE-FM, 90.3, 89.9, 91.3, 90.1; KBPX-FM, Spokane, 91.1.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

National Society to Prevent Blindness Washington Affiliate
324 15th Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112-9894
(206) 324-9894
Patricia Seeger, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Puget Sound Volunteer Information Resource Center
3820 S.W. 339th Street
Federal Way, WA 98023
(206) 927-6292
Paul Betham, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Washington Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
821 Lenora Street
Seattle, WA 98129
(206) 464-6930 OR Toll-free in Washington (1-800) 542-0866
Jan Ames, Regional Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Washington.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, large type, cassette books, talking book records and cassette machines; offers braille and taping service. Aids and appliances available for demonstration and loan.
Has radio reading service (special programming for the blind and physically handicapped) in Seattle, Spokane and most of eastern Washington.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Washington State Department of Services for the Blind
921 Lakeridge Drive
Room 202, Mail Stop FW-21
Olympia, WA 98504-2921
(206) 586-1224
Paul Dziedzic, Director

Type of Agency: Public.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Rehabilitation: Independent living program.
Employment: Vocational counseling, training, placement. Business enterprise program.

Local Offices:

Seattle: 3411 South Alaska Street, Seattle, WA 98118 (206) 721-4422; (SCAN) 339-4422.
Spokane: West 55 Mission Street, Suite 3, Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 456-4458; (SCAN) 545-4458.
Vancouver: 500 West Eighth Street, Suite 18, Vancouver, WA 98660 (206) 696-6238; (SCAN) 476-6238.
Yakima: 1600 West Perry Building 1, Suite D, Yakima, WA 98902 (509) 575-2014; (SCAN) 558-2014.

REHABILITATION

Blind Rehabilitation Clinic/Veterans Administration Medical Center
Blind Rehabilitation Center
117A, Building 5-S
Tacoma, WA 98493
(206) 582-8440, ext. 6200
Thomas Specht, Chief, Blind Rehabilitation
Walter Werkhoven, Admissions Director

Type of Agency: Federal.
Mission: Provides residential and rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the western portion of the nation.

Referral applications by Veterans Administration Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center.

For a description of services offered, see Veterans Administration in Federal Agencies listings.

Emil Fries Piano Hospital and Training Center
2510 East Evergreen Boulevard
Vancouver, WA 98662
(206) 693-1511
Kenneth D. Serviss, Executive Vice President and Manager

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Tuition, piano sales and service, donations.
Staff: 8 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1949.
Eligibility: Totally or legally blind; high school graduate or equivalent.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual, group counseling.
Educational: Program for vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Regular in-service training program; short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Tape recording services on request.
Residential: Off-site apartments and boarding homes.
Rehabilitation: Handwriting; typing.

Recreational: Refers and contracts for recreation services.
Employment: Occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
Northwestern Region Office
649 Strander Boulevard
Suite C
Seattle, WA 98188
(206) 575-1491 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in national listings.

Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.
2501 South Plum Street
P.O. Box C-14119
Seattle, WA 98114
(206) 322-4200
George Jacobson, Executive Director
Jill Pace, Director, Rehabilitation Services

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; blind multihandicapped.
Funded By: Fees; workshop sales; contributions.
Budget: 1986: $12,000,000.
Staff: 60 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1918.
Eligibility: Referral; legally blind.
Age Requirements: 21 years and over.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; interpreter training; in-service training when requested by schools, institutions, hospitals, group homes and other facilities.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; sign language for deaf-blind; orientation/mobility.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; vocational, career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; work activities center; vocational placement; follow-up; supported work services.

Employs 190 blind, deaf-blind and multihandicapped persons in sheltered workshop and work activities center.

Vision Services—An Agency for the Visually Impaired
1401 Madison, Suite 284
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 386-6666
June W. Mansfield, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind and their families.
Funded By: United Way; contributions; bequests; used merchandise; solicitation; fees.
Budget: 1986: $600,000.
Staff: 13 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1965.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 32,000.
Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community resources. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work.
Educational: Resource information; community education programs; public service announcements; workshops; classes; vision screening. An established speakers' bureau provides information and education on blindness and low vision.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work.
Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; activities of daily living services, personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; aids.
Low Vision: Low vision rehabilitation program; specific techniques and aids to develop residual vision.
Low Vision Aids: Operates a "teaching store" where persons purchase and learn to use varied adaptive equipment.

Operates a volunteer service to meet client requests for assistance; personal service including reading, shopping, walking, bill paying, and friendly visits.

Local Offices:

Everett: 3903 Colby Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 (206) 339-8412.

Low Vision Centers

Washington State Academy of Ophthalmology
20700 Bond Road, N.E.
Polsbo, WA 98370
Franklin Chu, M.D.

Washington Optometric Association
555 116th, N.E., #166
Bellevue, WA 98004
(206) 455-0874
Judy Balzer

Eye and Ear Clinic
600 Douglas Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-7143
T. A. Sorom, M.D., Chairman

Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-12:00 noon.
Staff: Audiologist; low vision assistant; ophthalmic technician; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Central Washington.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; refundable return deposit for trial period; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Further information: Glen Howard, Administrator.

Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound
c/o John W. Barry, O.D.
Redmond, WA 98052
(206) 885-5331
John W. Barry, O.D., Optometrist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 10:50 AM-2:50 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist.
Eligibility: Health plan member; private patients also seen.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview in 1 month; return appointment in 6 months.

Further information: Dr. Barry.

Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound
Central Specialty Center
200 15th Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112
(206) 326-3133
Gregory L. Eisen, O.D., Optometrist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optician; ophthalmic assistant/technician; optometric assistant/technician; social worker; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.
Eligibility: Health plan member.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

Further information: Dr. Eisen.

Harborview Medical Center Low Vision Aid Clinic
325 Ninth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 223-3225
Thomas Gillette, M.D., Director
Richard P. Mills, M.D., Ophthalmologist-in-Chief

Funded By: Client fees; county and hospital funds.
Hours of Operation: Fri. 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.
Eligibility: Professional or agency referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Visit to home, place of employment after 1 month.

Further information: Robbie Williams, Clinic Receptionist.

Lions Low Vision Clinic of the Inland Empire
North 1212 Howard
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 328-3730 OR 327-4309
Nancy Domanico, Director
Gene Teigen, O.D., Ophthalmologist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: By appointment.
Staff: Optometrist; ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; optometry student/resident.
Eligibility: Referral.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; rental fee charged; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment after 1 month.

Vision Services—An Agency for the Visually Impaired
Lions Low Vision Clinic
1401 Madison, Suite 284
Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 386-6666
June W. Mansfield, Executive Director
Gail Kinmouth, Low Vision Rehabilitation Specialist
Theresa Porter, O.D., Optometrist

Type of Agency: Non-profit. Lions Low Vision Clinic is run cooperatively by the Lions and Vision Services.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Tues. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.
Staff: Optometrist; ophthalmologist; low vision rehabilitation specialist; mobility instructor; educator; social worker.
Eligibility: None.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661
(206) 696-6630
Roy J. Brothers, Ed.D, Superintendent

Funded By: Lions State Sight Conservation Program.
Hours of Operation: 2 days per week during school year.
Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; special educator; psychologist/counselor.
Area Served: Washington.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment or school visit after 1 month.

Further information: Dr. Brothers.

WEST VIRGINIA

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

West Virginia Department of Education
State Capitol Building
Building #6, Room B-304
1900 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 348-2696
William Capehart, Director, Special Education

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Administers supplemental state funds provided for blind children in local schools. Provides counseling on the education of visually handicapped children.
Funded By: Public funds.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

SCHOOLS

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-3521
Jack W. Brady, Superintendent
Ralph A. Brewer, Principal, School for the Blind

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; deaf.
Staff: Full-time educational and residential staff.
History/Date: Est. 1870.
Eligibility: Visual or auditory impairment; West Virginia resident.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 6 to 20 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school, training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic study; vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books/braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education.
Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading; band; chorus. Refers for residential summer camp.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development. Refers for other employment services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-3521
Jack W. Brady, Superintendent
Ralph A. Brewer, Principal, School for the Blind

Type of Agency: Residential school and state agency.
Funded By: State funds.
Staff: 3 full time (early childhood/visually handicapped teachers); 9 part time (includes orientation/mobility specialist, physical therapist). Various therapists and specialists available as consultants.
History/Date: Est. 1870.
Area Served: West Virginia.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Genetic counseling; low vision exams; adaptive equipment; immunization; blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.
Preschools: Home- and center-based programs, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants, 0-2 years. Home teaching and consultant services to other

programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children, 3-5 years.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

West Virginia Instructional Resource Center
West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-3521
Leslie Durst, Director

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Large print books.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Here's To You Radio Reading Service (L)
West Virginia Library Commission
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 348-4061
Duane Brown, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: Central and western West Virginia.

Receivers Distributed: 700; Estimated Listenership: 900. Transmission(s) Originates From: WVPN-FM, Charleston, 88.5, SCA, NPR; relayed via network to WVPB-FM, Beckley, 91.7, SCA, NPR(A); WVPW, Buckhannon, 88.9, SCA, NPR(A); WHPW-FM, Huntington, 89.9, SCA, NPR.

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
West Virginia Volunteer Information Resource Center
119 Buckhannon Avenue, Apartment 1
Clarksburg, WV 26301
(304) 622-8741
Mark Wyatt, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

West Virginia Library Commission/Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Science and Cultural Center
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 348-4061 OR Toll-free in West Virginia (1-800) 642-8674
Kathryn D. Miller, Librarian

Regional library supplying large print books; operates radio reading service.

For names and addresses of subregional libraries, write above address.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

West Virginia Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
State Capitol Building
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 766-4600
Earl W. Wolfe, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State and federal funds.
History/Date: Est. 1946 and Inc. 1946.
Eligibility: Disability that is a handicap to employment.
Area Served: West Virginia.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: Working age.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical service; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.
Educational: Accepts emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; other multiply handicapped. Programs for vocational/skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for sheltered workshops.
Low Vision: Low vision service.

Local Offices:

Beckley: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/Beckley District Office, 402 Bair Building, Beckley, WV 25801 (304) 252-6292.
Charleston: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Charleston District Office, Morris Square, Suite 301, 1212 Lewis Street, Charleston, WV 25305 (304) 348-3408.
Clarksburg: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Clarksburg District Office, Colonial Village, Suite 2-C, 104 East Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 (304) 623-6776.
Huntington: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Huntington District Office, 200 Keith-Albee Office Building, 929 1/2 Fourth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 529-2711.
Lewisburg: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Lewisburg District Office, 106 South Court Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (304) 645-2741.
Romney: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney Branch Office, Box 943, Romney, WV 26757 (304) 822-3957.
Wheeling: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Wheeling District Office, Karnell Building, 1509 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 233-7970.

REHABILITATION

Seeing Hand Association, Inc.
737 Market Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-4810
Ethel Clare Elikan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private.
Funded By: Sub-contracts; sales; United Way.
History/Date: Est. 1935 and Inc. 1944.

Rehabilitation: Braille; typing.
Recreational: Camping; bowling; sewing; cooking; social activities.
Employment: Sheltered workshop.

West Virginia Society for the Blind and Severely Disabled
1427 Lee Street
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 348-2373
William A. Casto (304) 766-4680

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Public funds, endowment, and fees for service.
History/Date: Est. 1946.
Area Served: West Virginia.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Group work.
Employment: Vocational training; placement; vending stand and food service programs; follow-up.

Low Vision Centers

West Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology
2100 Dudley Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26101
(304) 422-4415
Harry L. Amsbary, M.D.

West Virginia Optometric Association, Inc.
Morrison Building, Suite 415
815 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 345-4710
Roger K. Price

West Virginia Rehabilitation Center
Low Vision Clinic
P.O. Box 1004
Institute, WV 25112-1004
(304) 766-4801
Sidney B. Boyce, Coordinator, Low Vision Clinic
Thomas E. Griffith, O.D., Low Vision Clinician

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Federal and state funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision specialist/assistant; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; optician; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.
Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report; state residence.
Area Served: West Virginia.

Low Vision Aids: Sometimes provided on loan for trial; some on-site training can be provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

WISCONSIN

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Wisconsin Bureau for Exceptional Children
Division for Handicapped Children and Pupil Services
P.O. Box 7841
125 South Webster Street
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 266-3522
Victor J. Contrucci, Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Papineau, State Consultant, Visually Impaired
Jenny Lange, Early Childhood, Handicapped

Type of Agency: State, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
Funded By: Public funds.

Provides supervisory and consultation services to local educational agencies serving visually impaired children. Administers supplemental state and federal funds for programs and services. Offers evaluation services. Provides educational resources for preschool through high school and multiply handicapped visually impaired students. Supplies braille, large type books, tapes, and specialized equipment; training on computer aids and devices. Offers consultation and referral services.

SCHOOLS

North Central Technical Institute
1000 Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 675-3331
Dr. Donald Hagen, Director
Joe Mielczarek, Coordinator, Program for Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Public.
Staff: 13 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1971.
Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; multidisabled blind.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Functional low vision evaluation. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Career counseling; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.
Educational: One-year diploma programs. Two-year associate's degree programs. Certificates of competencies. Programs for adult continuing education. Vocational and skill development.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral to appropriate services.
Residential: Off-site apartments and dormitory.
Rehabilitation: Communicative typing; occupational typing; job-seeking skills; vocational low vision; Optacon evaluation; recreational education; orientation/mobility; techniques of communications; foods; home management; grammatical skills; grooming; consumer education; signature writing; career exploration.
Recreational: Educational recreation programming.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Program for Visually Impaired
Milwaukee Area Technical College
1015 North Sixth Street
Milwaukee, WI 53203
(414) 278-6838
George Sippl, Manager

Type of Agency: Public.
Staff: 10 full time, 2 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1979.
Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling; placement in school, training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.
Educational: First and second year of college. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; vocational/skill development. Associate's degree.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Lends talking book cassettes; braille books. Talking book record player and cassette player; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille;

handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; bowling; swimming; track; adapted physical education for blind.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Wausau School District
1018 South 12th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 848-2934
David Damgaard, Administrator, Exceptional Education
Karen Schultz, Teacher of Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Public school.
Funded By: P.L. 94-142 monies, state funds, and local taxes.
Budget: 1986 (vision program): $60,000.
Staff: 2 full time (visually handicapped teacher, visually handicapped aide), 17 part time (social worker, psychologist, occupational and physical therapists). Specialists and therapists available as consultants. Has advisory board (parent member) for overall program.
History/Date: Est. 1974.
Area Served: Central and northern Wisconsin.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunization; blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance; other social services.
Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Orientation/mobility. Home teaching and resource room programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped, 3-21 years.

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired
1700 West State Street
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 755-2950
William H. English, Superintendent
George Knuckles, Education Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.
Funded By: State and federal funds.
Staff: 187 full time, 20 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1849.
Eligibility: Wisconsin resident; visually handicapped; school-age referrals must be through local school district.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services, especially local school districts.
Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development. Provides instructional materials and equipment to children throughout Wisconsin. Services to local school districts; Individualized Education Program (IEP) assistance.
Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; orientation/mobility; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.
Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; translation to braille; tape recording services on demand.
Residential: Dormitories.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education; transition training and vocational guidance.
Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; wrestling; cross country skiing. Contracts for bowling.
Employment: Pre-vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job training and placement.
Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision aids.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Center for Blind and Visually Impaired Children
3722 South 58th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53220
(414) 321-6362 OR 352-8884
Maxine Papermaster, Program Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Private donations and United Way.

Staff: 7 part time (teachers; occupational and physical therapists). Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1967.
Eligibility: Visually handicapped; multihandicapped.
Area Served: Greater Milwaukee and surrounding area.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent counseling. Refers for other services.
Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Classes for visually handicapped and multihandicapped. Center-based programs with home component and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants, 0-2 years. Consultant services to regular nursery schools for preschool children, 3-5 years.

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 755-2950
William H. English, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public residential school.
Staff: Includes administrators; visually handicapped, early childhood and dually certified teachers; various therapists; orientation/mobility and other specialists. Various therapists and specialists also available as consultants.
History/Date: Est. 1849.
Area Served: Wisconsin.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based programs and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped, with or without other handicaps, 0-5 years.

Program serves as resource to local education agencies statewide; numerous support and related services available through school system.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Andrew Papineau, State Consultant, Visually Impaired, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53703 (608) 266-3522.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICES

Green Bay Public Schools

966 Shawano Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54303
(414) 497-7867
Carol H. Anderson, Resource Teacher for the Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, tests, handouts.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: Printed at no charge.

Instructional Resource Center for the Visually Handicapped

1700 West State Street
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 755-2949
James Wilhelm, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.
Types/Content: Textbooks.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.
Title Formats: None specified.

Volunteer Braillists, Inc.

5930 Old Sauk Road
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 238-5085
Betty Stoffel, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Volunteer Services for the Visually Handicapped

814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3039
Audrey B. Hemmer, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.
Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.
Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.
Title Formats: No title listings available.

Information Services

RADIO READING

Education and Reading Service (EARS)

3520 30th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53141
(414) 552-9483

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:15 AM-12:00 noon, 4:45 PM-9:15 PM; Sat. 9:15 AM-12:15 PM; Sun. 9:10 AM-3:10 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Racine and Kenosha counties.

Receivers Distributed: 143; Estimated Listenership: 170.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WGTD-FM, Kenosha, 91.1, SCA, NPR.

INSIGHT
P.O. Drawer 10K
Milwaukee, WI 53201
(414) 475-8389
Peter Zehren, Insight Coordinator

Hours of Operation: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 5:30 PM-7:00 PM (local program); 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, 12:00 PM-10:00 PM (national network).
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Receivers Distributed: 100; Estimated Listenership: 100.
Transmission(s) Originates From: Local programming: WYMS-FM, Milwaukee, 88.9, SCA, NC.

Wisconsin Radio Reading Service, Inc. (I)
905 University Avenue, Suite 307
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 255-7730
H. Alton Davis, Project Director
Carol Sloan, Secretary

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-8:30 AM, 4:30 PM-12:00 midnight; Sat. 8:00 AM-12:00 noon, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM; Sun. 8:30 AM-12:00 noon, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1975.
Area Served: Wisconsin.

Receivers Distributed: 1,100; Estimated Listenership: 1,100.
Transmission(s) Originates From: WERN-FM, Madison, 88.7, SCA, NPR; Via network to: WHSA-FM, Brule, 89.9, SCA, NPR(A); WHAD-FM, Delafield, 90.7, SCA, NPR(A); WHHI-FM, Highland, 91.3, SCA, NPR(A); WHLA-FM, LaCrosse, 90.3, SCA, NPR(A); WHWC-FM, Menomonie, 88.3, SCA, NPR(A); WHRM-FM, Wausau, 90.0, SCA, NPR(A).

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

National Society to Prevent Blindness Wisconsin, Inc.
759 North Milwaukee Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3745
(414) 765-0505
Jerry W. Knuth, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Wisconsin Volunteer Information Resource Center
4615 West Rawson
Franklin, WI 53132
(414) 282-2828
Connie Bubnich, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
813 West Wells
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3045 OR Toll-free in Wisconsin (1-800) 242-8822
Corliss Rice, Regional Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1961.
Area Served: Wisconsin.

Regional library lending free books and magazines in braille and recorded on disk and cassette tape as well as the special equipment and accessories to utilize the recorded materials.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Blind
P.O. Box 7852
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53707
(608) 266-1281
John Conway, Program Specialist
Judy Norman-Nunnery, Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator

Type of Agency: State.
Staff: 37 full time.
Eligibility: Legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts for some other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling and mobility.
Rehabilitation: Independent living; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Contracts for remedial education.
Employment: Sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up; vending stand training; complete business enterprise program. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.
Computer Training: Access.

REHABILITATION

Badger Association of the Blind
912 North Hawley Road
Milwaukee, WI 53213
(414) 258-9200
Gordon Haldiman, President
Donald Natzke, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Funded By: Room and board fees; capital income; contributions; membership dues.
Budget: 1986-1987: $545,000.
Staff: 16 full time, 13 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1919.
Number of Clients Served: 1987: 530.
Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.
Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Residential: Operates a home for the adult blind.
Recreational: Activity center program providing social and recreational activities for adult blind.
Low Vision: Sales of appliances and low vision aids.

Volunteers in visual assistance (VIVA) program recruits volunteers to assist visually impaired persons throughout the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Family Oriented Counseling for Understanding Sightloss
P.O. Box 17575
Milwaukee, WI 53217
(414) 964-6661
Gordon Haldiman, Co-director
Richard Pomo, Co-director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Services to newly blind individuals and their families.
Funded By: Private contributions and donations.
History/Date: Est. 1971.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Two 16-week sessions of counseling starting September and January, Saturday mornings. Hotline services available.

Industries for the Blind, Inc.
3220 West Vliet Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 933-4319
Claude William Hirsch, Executive Vice President and General Manager

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.
Funded By: Workshop sales.
Staff: 11 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Eligibility: Blind or legally blind.
Age Requirements: 18 to 70 years.

Employment: Job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops.

Sunrise Nursing Home for Blind, Inc.
827 North 34th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 933-6977

Type of Agency: Non-profit/nursing home for aging and handicapped.
Funded By: Residents, families, state and federal government, donations.
History/Date: Est. 1961.
Eligibility: Blind; visually impaired.

Health: Medical and therapeutic care administered by staff physicians.

Wisconsin Council of the Blind
1245 East Washington Avenue
Suite 166
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 255-1166
Jack Malin, Executive Secretary

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Funded By: Contributions from mail appeal campaign; royalties and endowment.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Eligibility: Blind; visually handicapped.
Area Served: Wisconsin.

Health: Subsidizes eye research projects; gives free canes (white).
Educational: College and vocational school scholarships.
Reading: Subsidizes organizations engaged in production of reading materials for the blind.
Residential: Operates low-interest business and home improvement loan program.
Rehabilitation: Distributes on a non-profit basis special aids, appliances and visual aids.
Recreational: Subsidizes recreational projects.
Employment: Grants to organizations engaged in promotion of the general welfare of the blind.

Service officer available to investigate cases of alleged discrimination.

Wiscraft Inc./ Wisconsin Enterprises for the Blind
5316 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 778-5800
John Baumgart, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.
Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind.
Funded By: Production sales revenues; government funding and private donations.
Staff: 13 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1903 as a state agency, converted to a private, non-profit organization in 1985.
Number of Clients Served: 1986: 60.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers for other health services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Psychological testing and evaluation. Refers for other counseling/ social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.
Educational: Non-graded program.
Professional Training: Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; rehabilitation; work evaluation.
Reading: Cassette tape player; information and referral.
Rehabilitation: Electronic mobility aids; orientation/ mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.
Recreational: Refers for recreation services.
Employment: Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement. Refers for other employment services.
Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Sells, lends, or rents spectacles or low vision aids.

Low Vision Centers

Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology
2500 North Mayfair Road, Suite 508
Milwaukee, WI 53226
(414) 453-7171
Jean H. Schott, M.D., President

Wisconsin Optometric Association, Inc.
5721 Odana Road
Madison, WI 53719
(608) 274-4322
David B. Glomp, C.A.E.

Curative Rehabilitation Center
Low Vision Clinic
1000 North 92nd Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53226
(414) 259-1414, ext. 208
Bruce Brown, M.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Client fees.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision specialist; rehabilitation counselor; occupational therapist.
Eligibility: Referral; ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: Limited.

Further information: Madalyn Gross, Low Vision Specialist.

Programs for the Blind and Visually Impaired/ Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Blind
5316 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 778-5809
Rodney Kossick, Low Vision and Technology Specialist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded By: Federal funds; state funds.
Hours of Operation: 7:45 AM-4:30 PM daily.
Eligibility: State residence.
Area Served: Wisconsin.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.
Low Vision: Low vision assessment; services of orientation/mobility instructor available.
Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge. On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Further information: Rodney Kossick.

University of Wisconsin
Department of Ophthalmology
600 Highland Avenue
Madison, WI 53792
(608) 263-7171
Stephen D. Kessler, O.D., Co-director
George Bresnick, M.D., Co-director

Funded By: Client fees; state funds; private donations.
Hours of Operation: 5 half-days per week.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optician; orientation/mobility specialist.
Eligibility: Referral; ophthalmologic report.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: 1-year unlimited follow-up at no additional charge.

Further information: Marshall Flax, M.S., Low Vision Specialist, Orientation/Mobility Specialist.

Veterans Administration Center
Wood, WI 53193
(414) 384-2000
Marilyn C. Kay, M.D., Chief, Ophthalmology

Funded By: Federal funds.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; social worker; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.
Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment after 1 and 2 months.

WYOMING

Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Wyoming Department of Education
Hathaway Building, Second Floor
2300 Capitol Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7414
Lynn Simons, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Ken Blackburn, Director

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Provides educational services for all blind children in state, including local public school programs and out-of-state placements. Operates school sight-conservation programs; offers services to preschool blind children.
Funded By: Public funds.
Area Served: Wyoming.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area. Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Services for Visually Handicapped
Wyoming Department of Education
Hathaway Building, Second Floor
2300 Capitol Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7279
H. Smith Shumway, Program Manager

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: State funds, P.L. 94-142 monies, and other sources.
Staff: 7 full-time educational consultants. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1890.
Area Served: Wyoming.
Transportation: Y.
Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams; genetic counseling; immunization; blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Parent and other counseling; other social services; financial assistance.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas; orientation/mobility and other instruction.

Consultant services to other programs as well as itinerant teaching programs for visually handicapped children with or without other handicaps.

Local Offices:

Casper: Services for Visually Handicapped, 539 South Payne Avenue, Casper, WY 82601 (307) 234-9741, Robert Jackson, Educational Consultant.
Cheyenne: Services for Visually Handicapped, Hathaway Building, Room 143/144, Cheyenne, WY 82002 (307) 777-7274/7222, C. Kent Jackson, Rachel Miller, Educational Consultants.
Rawlins: Services for Visually Handicapped, Carbon Building, Room 381, Rawlins, WY 82301 (307) 324-5333, Robert Cook, Home Teacher Counselor.
Riverton: Services for Visually Handicapped, 205 North Fifth East, Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 856-5452, Ron Warpness, Educational Consultant.
Sheridan: Services for Visually Handicapped, Turtle Building, 35 North Scott, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 672-6129, Max Aguilar, Educational Consultant.
Thermopolis: Services for Visually Handicapped, 542 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443 (307) 864-2392, Paul Newman, Educational Consultant.

Information Services

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Wyoming Volunteer Information
Resource Center
1110 South Center Street
Casper, WY 82601
(307) 237-8481
Joseph Schickich, Contact person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in national listings.

Services for Visually Handicapped
Wyoming Department of Education
Hathaway Building, Second Floor
2300 Capitol Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7279
Loretta Benson, Administrative Assistant

Distributor of talking book machines.

Utah State Library/Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
2150 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
(801) 466-6363
Gerald A. Buttars, Librarian

Funded By: Public funds.
History/Date: Est. 1961.
Area Served: Utah and Wyoming with total library service. Serves Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and Alaska with braille service only.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large type books, books on open-reel tape, and cassette books.

Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Wyoming Department of Health and Social Services
Hathaway Building
2300 Capitol Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7385
Robert W. Dingwall, Ed.D., Administrator

Type of Agency: State.
Funded By: Public funds.
Staff: 65 full time, 1 part time.
History/Date: Est. 1920.
Eligibility: Physically or mentally disabled with vocational handicap.
Area Served: Wyoming.

Health: Diagnostic, medical, and surgical treatment.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Counseling services.
Professional Training: Internships.
Employment: Evaluation; pre-vocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand business enterprise programs; follow-up.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

REHABILITATION

Montgomery Home for the Blind/Wyoming Pioneer Home
5 Pioneer Drive
Thermopolis, WY 82443
(307) 864-3151
Carol Ann Barham, Superintendent

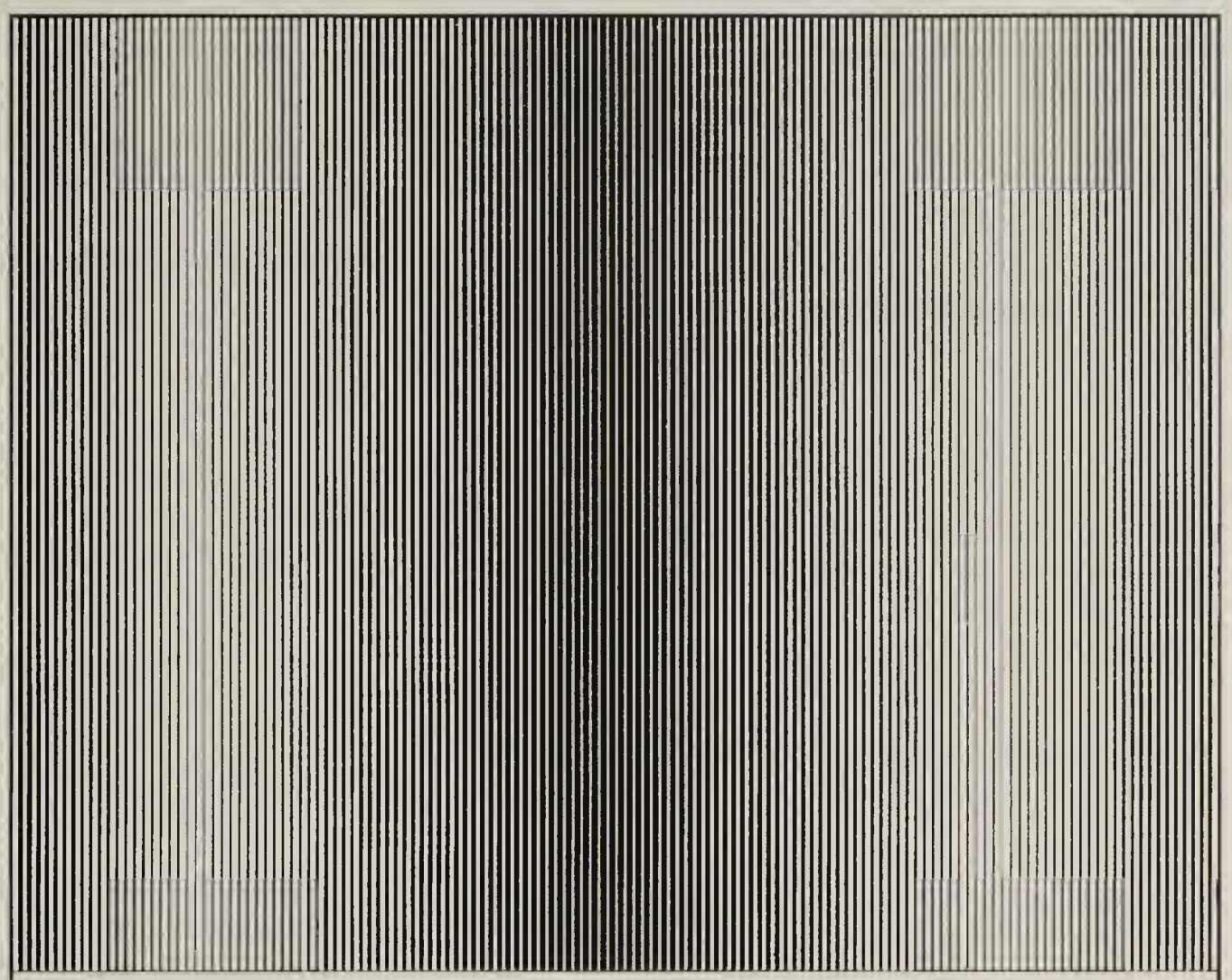
Type of Agency: State residential facilities for blind men and women.
Funded By: Public funds; appropriated funds.
History/Date: Est. 1948.
Eligibility: Retiree, ambulatory, 20-year residency in Wyoming.

Reading: Large type and tape books; recorders and talking book machines.

Low Vision Centers

Wyoming Ophthalmological Society
1805 East 20th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 635-9226
Randolph L. Johnston, M.D., President

Wyoming Optometric Association
P. O. Box 2186
Cheyenne, WY 82003
(307) 632-8819
Dan J. Lex



FEDERAL AGENCIES

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Center for Libraries and Educational Improvement

400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 613
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 254-6572
Malcolm Davis, Acting Director

Mission: Administers the Library Services and Construction Act, which authorizes grants to the states for library services to the physically handicapped.

Clearinghouse on the Handicapped

330 C Street, S.W., Room 3132
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 732-1241
Madeleine C. Will, Assistant Secretary

Mission: Responds to inquiries from handicapped individuals and serves as a resource to organizations that supply information to and about handicapped individuals.

Division of Blind and Visually Impaired

330 C Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 732-1316
Chester (Chet) P. Avery, Director

Mission: Develops methods, standards, and procedures to assist state agencies in the rehabilitation of blind persons. Administers the Randolph-Sheppard Act, which assures priority for blind persons in the operation of vending facilities on federal property.

Assists the states in developing programs that provide vocational rehabilitation services to blind persons to enable them to become self-supporting and gainfully employed; assists the states in analyzing occupations to ascertain their suitability for performance without the use of sight, and demonstrates to employers the suitability for employment of blind persons who are properly selected and adequately prepared for work; promotes and supports institutes and training programs; conducts studies and prepares descriptions of occupations in which blind persons are or may be successfully engaged; prepares technical guides and other materials for use of staff members of state agencies; develops, in cooperation with state agencies, new training facilities for blind persons, and assists in the expansion of existing facilities; maintains continuous relationships with other public and private agencies for the blind; administers the grant for the Helen Keller National Center established to provide a national center and network for the rehabilitation of deaf-blind youth and adults; cooperates in the development of the 7C Independent Living Services program for older blind individuals.

National Council on the Handicapped

330 C Street, S. W., Room 3118
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 453-3846
Sandra Parrino, Chairperson

Mission: Develops policy and operational plans for the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; advises the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on policy.

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

330 C Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 732-1139
James B. Reswick, Acting Director

Mission: Administers grants and contracts for research and demonstration projects related to the handicapped; also administers research and training centers.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

330 C Street, S.W., Room 3132
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 732-1241
Madeleine C. Will, Assistant Secretary

Mission: Has administrative supervision of office of Special Education Programs, Rehabilitation Services Administration, and National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

Office of Special Education Programs

330 C Street, S.W., Room 3086
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 732-1007
Madeleine C. Will, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Thomas Bellamy, Director

Mission: Administers the Education of the Handicapped Act and related programs for the education of handicapped children, including grants to institutions of higher learning and fellowships to train educational personnel; grants to states for the education of handicapped children; research and demonstration

projects; and special programs, such as centers and services for deaf-blind children.

Office of the Secretary
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 732-3000
William J. Bennett, Secretary

Rehabilitation Services Administration
330 C Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 732-1282
Susan S. Suter, Acting Commissioner

Mission: Provides national leadership and technical guidance for the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program. Administers grants to the states for vocational rehabilitation of the disabled. Provides demonstrations, professional training, and independent living grants for disabled persons, including visually handicapped persons.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families
Donahoe Building
400 Sixth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024
(202) 755-7762
Dodie Truman Borup, Commissioner

Mission: Advises the secretary of Health and Human Services on department plans and programs related to early childhood development; operates the Head Start day care and other related child service programs; provides leadership, advice, and services that affect the general well-being of children and youths.

Administration on Aging
North Building, Room 4760
300 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 245-0724
Carol F. Fish, Commissioner

Mission: Administers the Older Americans Act of 1965 to assist states and local communities to develop programs for older persons.

Health Care Financing Administration
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 245-6726
William L. Roper, Administrator

Mission: Through the Social Security Administration, administers the Medicare program under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Administers grants to the states for Medicaid under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for individuals who are medically indigent.

Health Resources and Services Administration
Bureau of Health Professions
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
(301) 443-5794
Thomas Hatch, Director

Mission: Through appropriated funds, supports education programs, credentialing, analysis, and development of human resources needed to staff the U.S. health care system.

Health Services Administration/Division for Maternal and Child Health
Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance
5600 Fishers Lane
Room 605
Rockville, MD 20857
(301) 443-2170
Vince L. Hutchins, M.D., Associate Bureau Director

Mission: Administers block grants to the states for maternal and child health, and crippled children's services under Title V of the Social Security Act.

National Center for Health Statistics
3700 East-West Highway
Hyattsville, MD 20782
(301) 436-7016
Manning Peinleib, M.D., Director

Mission: Collects, compiles, and disseminates data related to health and vital statistics, including information on prevalence of vision defects, based on household interview surveys.

National Institutes of Health/National Eye Institute
Building 31, Room A03
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 496-2234
Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director

Mission: Finances intramural and extramural research on eye diseases and vision disorders; supports training of eye researchers.

Office of Human Development Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 309F
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 245-7246
Sydney Olson, Assistant Secretary

Mission: Has administrative supervision of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation; the Administration on Aging; Administration on Developmental Disabilities; Administration for Children, Youth and Families; Administration for Native Americans; and the program under Title XX (social services) of the Social Security Act.

Office of Policy Planning and Legislation
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 306E
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 245-7027
G. Barry Nielsen, Director

Mission: Administers grants to the states for social services under Title XX of the Social Security Act to welfare recipients and others likely to become welfare recipients.

Office of the Secretary
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 615F
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 245-7000
Otis R. Bowen, M.D., Secretary

Social Security Administration
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235
(301) 965-1234
Martha A. McSteen, Acting Commissioner

Mission: Administers old age, survivors, and disability insurance programs under Title II of the Social Security Act. Also administers the federal income maintenance program (Supplemental Security Income for the aged, blind, and disabled) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. Maintains network of local/regional offices nationwide.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services maintains ten regional offices throughout the country. The following is a list of these offices and states covered within each region:

Region I - Boston: J.F. Kennedy Federal Office Building, Government Center, Boston, MA 02203 (617) 565-1500.

Connecticut; Maine; Massachusetts; New Hampshire; Rhode Island; Vermont.

Region II - New York: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278 (212) 264-4600.

New York; New Jersey; Puerto Rico; Virgin Islands.

Region III - Philadelphia: 3535 Market Street, P.O. Box 13716, Philadelphia, PA 19101 (215) 596-6492.

Delaware; Washington, D.C.; Maryland; Pennsylvania; Virginia; West Virginia.

Region IV - Atlanta: 101 Marietta Tower, Atlanta, GA 30323 (404) 331-2442.

Alabama; Florida; Georgia; Kentucky; Mississippi; North Carolina; South Carolina; Tennessee.

Region V - Chicago: 300 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 (312)353-5160.

Illinois; Indiana; Minnesota; Michigan; Ohio; Wisconsin.

Region VI - Dallas: 1200 Main Tower, Dallas, TX 75202 (214) 767-3301.

Arkansas; Louisiana; New Mexico; Oklahoma; Texas.

Region VII - Kansas City: 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 (816) 221-5300.

Iowa; Kansas; Missouri; Nebraska.

Region VIII - Denver: 19th and Stout Streets, Denver, CO 80294 (303) 844-3372.

Colorado; Montana; North Dakota; South Dakota; Utah; Wyoming.

Region IX - San Francisco: Federal Office Building, 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 556-6746.

Arizona; California; Hawaii; Nevada; Guam; Trust Territory or Pacific Islands; American Samoa.

Region X - Seattle: The Third and Broad Building, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121 (206) 442-0420.

Alaska; Idaho; Oregon; Washington.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration
Branch of Special Employment
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
(202) 523-8727
Corlis Sellers, Branch Chief

Mission: Monitors compliance with sub-minimum wage requirements for handicapped workers in sheltered workshops, competitive industry, and hospitals and institutions under Section 14 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
(202) 523-9475
Joseph N. Cooper, Director

Mission: Monitors compliance with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 providing for affirmative action in the employment of qualified handicapped workers by contractors with the federal government, as well as similar provisions of law regarding disabled veterans (38 U.S.C. 2012); also investigates complaints.

Office of the Secretary

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
(202) 523-8165
William E. Brock III, Secretary

U. S. Employment Service

Patrick Henry Building
601 D Street, N. W.
Washington, DC 20213
(202) 376-6750
Robert Schaereli, Director

Mission: Administers the federal-state employment service program. Has selective placement personnel in state employment service offices to serve handicapped individuals.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Blind Rehabilitation Service

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 233-3232
Don E. Garner, Director

Mission: Oversees programs for blinded veterans within the Veterans Administration Department of Medicine and Surgery. Services offered encompass orientation/mobility skills; ophthalmology, optometry and visual skills; manual skills; communication and personal management skills; physical education and recreation; avocational skills and leisure time activities; psychological counseling and social work; general medical care; audiology; education in personal health care and dietary management; family programs; community resources; review of status of veterans benefits.

Blind Rehabilitation Centers offer instruction in the use of specialized electronic travel aids and reading machines, as well as the latest technological devices. Blind Rehabilitation Clinic programs are designed for blinded veterans who have special problems and/or needs in addition to blindness. Blind Rehabilitation Centers and Clinics are authorized to provide prosthetic and sensory aids to blinded veterans to assist them in overcoming blindness.

Rehabilitation services are offered at Blind Rehabilitation Centers and Blind Rehabilitation Clinics. Blind Rehabilitation Centers are located at: Southeastern Rehabilitation Center, Birmingham, Alabama; Western Blind Rehabilitation Center, Palo Alto, California; Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center, West Haven, Connecticut; Central Blind Rehabilitation Center, Hines, Illinois; and Blind Rehabilitation Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Blind Rehabilitation Clinics are located at: West Haven, Connecticut; Waco, Texas; and Tacoma, Washington.

See individual state listings for facilities' addresses and phone numbers.

Eligibility: Legally blind veteran with one day of active service and other than dishonorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States.

Department of Medicine and Surgery

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 223-2596
Dr. John A. Gronvall, Medical Director

Mission: Provides hospital and outpatient treatment as well as nursing home care for eligible veterans in Veterans Administration facilities. Services elsewhere provided on a contract basis in the United States and its territories. Provides non-vocational inpatient residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blinded veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

Department of Veterans Benefits

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 233-2044
Raymond J. Vogel, Chief Benefits Director

Mission: Furnishes compensation and pensions for disability and death to veterans and their dependents. Provides vocational rehabilitation services, including

counseling, training, and assistance toward employment, to blinded veterans disabled as a result of service in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era; also provides rehabilitation services to certain peace-time veterans. Offers and guarantees loans for the purchase of construction of homes, farms, and businesses.

Office of the Administrator
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 223-3775
Thomas K. Turnage, Director

OTHER AGENCIES

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
1111 18th Street, N.W., Suite 501
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 653-7834
Margaret Milner, Executive Director

Mission: Administers Section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and enforces the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, which prohibits architectural and transportation barriers to handicapped persons in federally funded buildings.

Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped
Crystal Square 5, Suite 1107
1755 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202-3509
(703) 557-1145
Beverly L. Milkman, Executive Director

Mission: Administers the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (P.L. 92-28), under which the federal government purchases products and services from non-profit workshops for the blind and other handicapped outside the competitive bidding system.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Office of Legal Counsel
2401 E Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20507
(202) 634-6460
Richard Komer, Legal Counsel

Mission: Enforces section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in federal employment.

Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1291 Taylor Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20542
(202) 287-5100 OR (1-800) 424-9100
Frank Kurt Cylke, Director

Mission: Conducts national program to distribute free reading materials of a general nature—classics, current fiction, and nonfiction—to the nation's blind and physically handicapped citizens who cannot utilize ordinary printed materials because of physical impairments. Provides reference information service on all aspects of blindness and other physical handicaps that affect reading. Conducts national correspondence courses to train sighted persons as braille transcribers and blind persons as braille proofreaders. With volunteer help, transcribes books into hand-copied braille, records books on magnetic tape, and repairs machines. Conducts a continuous program of testing, development, and evaluation of reading materials and related equipment.
Eligibility: Must be determined by competent authority.

Reading: Reading materials provided consist of talking books recorded on cassette tape or 33, 16, and 8 RPM disks, books in braille, and recorded and braille music. Reading materials also include approximately 70 magazines on flexible disks or in braille. Provides talking book machines and cassette machines for disk records and cassette tapes. Selects, orders, and distributes materials through a network of 160 libraries nationwide that function as circulating centers, using the mails to serve readers. Materials mailed postage free.

See individual state listings for regional libraries and distributors of talking book machines.

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
1111 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 653-5044
Harold Russell, Chairman
Jay F. Rochlin, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes the development of maximum employment opportunities for the handicapped. Consists of volunteer members throughout the country under a volunteer chairman and a paid secretariat.

Small Business Administration
1441 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20416
(202) 653-6605

James Abdnor, Administrator

Mission: Administers the Small Business Act, including small business loans to handicapped individuals; maintains local offices throughout the country.

U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division/Coordination and Review Section

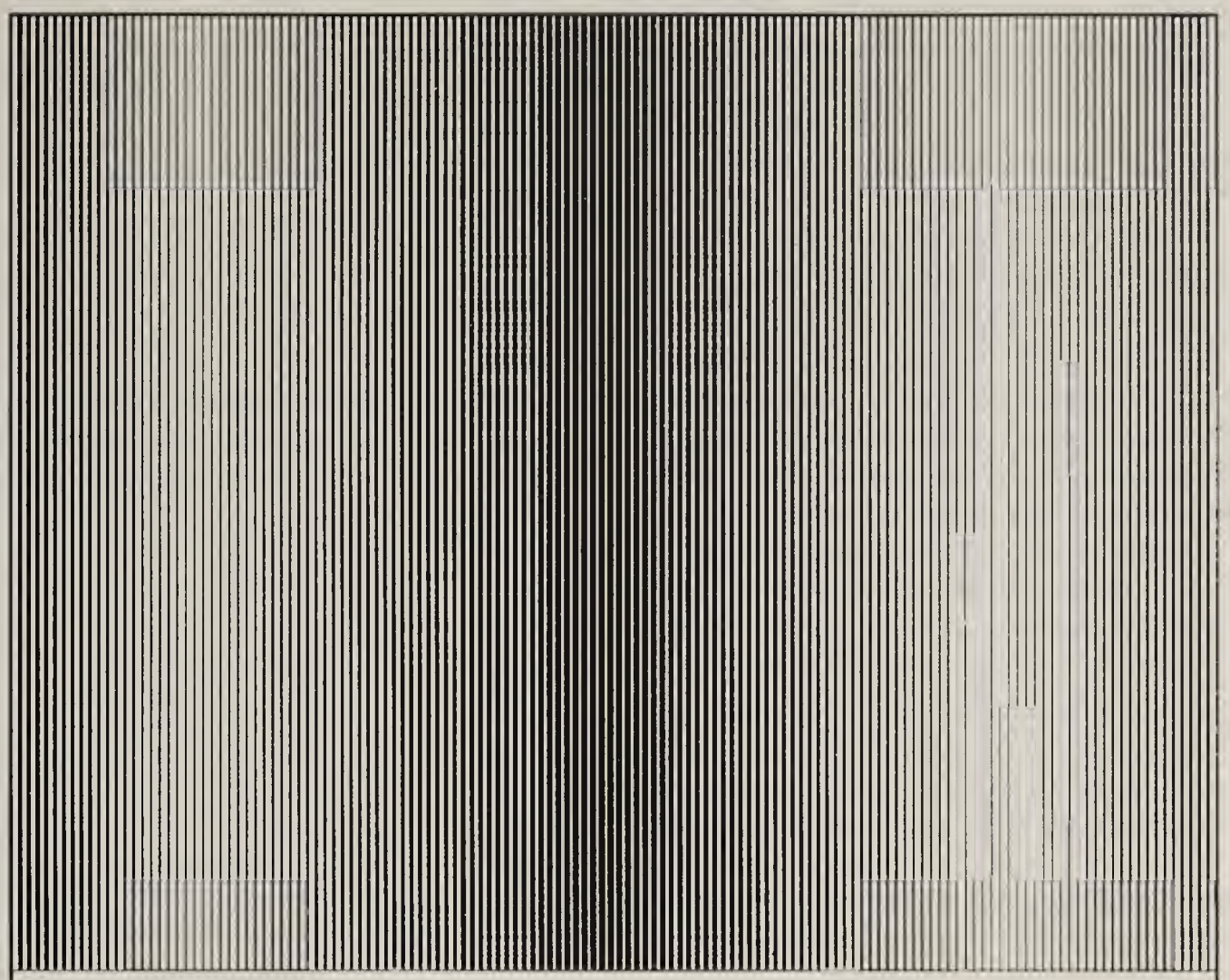
10th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
(202) 633-2151 OR TDD (telecommunication device for the deaf) (202) 724-7678
William Bradford Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General

Mission: Coordinates the implementation by federal agencies, of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in federally assisted programs and in programs and activities conducted by federal executive agencies.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Governmentwide Selective Placement Programs Division

1900 E Street, N.W., Room 5A09
Washington, DC 20415
(202) 632-5491
Constance J. Horner, Director

Mission: Establishes policy for employment of the handicapped within the federal service. Administers a merit system for federal employment that includes recruiting, examining, training, and promoting people on the basis of knowledge and skills, regardless of sex, race, religion, or other factors.



NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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ACB Service Net
3840 N. W. 31st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
(405) 942-3797
Travis L. Harris, Net Manager

Mission: Provides information on library services, radio equipment, and products for the blind and visually impaired. Affiliated with American Council of the Blind.

American Diabetes Association
National Service Center
P.O. Box 25757
1600 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22313
(703) 549-1500
Robert S. Bolan, Ph.D., Executive Vice President

Mission: Promotes knowledge of diabetes through public and professional education. Seeks cure and control through research and information dissemination.

Publications: *Diabetes Forecast; Diabetes.*

American Foundation for the Blind
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000 OR (1-800) 232-5463
William F. Gallagher, Executive Director

Mission: Provides direct and technical assistance services to blind and visually impaired persons and their families, professionals in specialized agencies for the blind, community agencies, organizations, schools, and corporations. Acts as national clearinghouse for information about blindness and visual impairment; maintains the Helen Keller Archives, the major national archives on blindness. Publishes books, monographs, leaflets, and periodicals in print, cassette, and braille forms. Initiates and stimulates research to determine the most effective methods of serving visually impaired persons. National Technology Center designs and adapts devices and evaluates technology for visually impaired individuals. Provides professional consultation to governmental and voluntary agencies and maintains a Governmental Relations Department in Washington, D.C. Conducts agency and community surveys to assist in the expansion and improvement of specialized services. Records and manufactures talking books. Develops, manufactures, and sells special aids and appliances. Has public education program. Operates a toll-free national telephone hotline to dispense information. Maintains regional center offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, New York City, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Mid-Atlantic Regional Center (Washington, D.C.) serves Delaware, the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Midwest Regional Center (Chicago) serves Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Northeast Regional Center (New York City) serves Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Southeast Regional Center (Atlanta) serves Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the Virgin Islands. Southwest Regional Center (Dallas) serves Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. Western Regional Center (San Francisco) serves Alaska, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington State.
Funded By: Voluntary contributions and endowment.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1921.

Professional Training: Conducts institutes, workshops, and training courses for professional personnel. Provides legislative consultation.
Publications: *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness; AFB News; Long Cane News; Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons.*

See individual state listings for addresses of Governmental Relations Department and regional center offices.

American Society for Contemporary Ophthalmology
211 East Chicago Avenue
Suite 1044
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 787-3335
John G. Bellows, M.D., Ph.D., Director

Mission: Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists. Maintains computerized service, EYENET, for on-line communication of eye problems and access to selected journal articles.

Publications: *Annals of Ophthalmology; Glaucoma; Journal of Ocular Therapy and Surgery.*

Association of Radio Reading Services
P.O. Box 847
Lawrence, KS 66044
(913) 864-4600

Rosanna L. Hurwitz, President

Mission: Promotes radio reading services. Has closed circuit radio broadcasts of daily newspapers plus other materials. Maintains circulating library of books and programs on tape.

Publications: *Hearsay Newsletter; Directory of Radio Reading Services.*

Better Vision Institute
230 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10169
(212) 982-1731
Lawrence O. Aasen, Executive Secretary

Mission: Makes public aware of need for eye care. Publishes informational material and maintains library.

Publications: *BVI News.*

Blind Outdoor Leisure Development
533 East Main Street
Aspen, CO 81611
(303) 925-8922
Muriel Frei, President

Mission: Forms local clubs for blind people engaging in outdoor sports. Trains leaders, provides insurance for participants, and encourages reduced rates for local sports activities.

Braille Revival League
489 N.E. 101st Street
Miami Shores, FL 33138
(305) 754-3169
Paul Edward, President

Type of Agency: Organization of professionals interested in promoting the use, production, and instruction of braille.
Mission: Promotes use of braille material in educational facilities for the blind.

Publications: *Braille Memorandum* (braille/large print).

Corneal Dystrophy Foundation
1926 Hidden Creek Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339
(713) 358-4227
Steve Waldrop, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes public education about corneal dystrophy. Supports research.

Publications: *Corneal Dystrophy Foundation Newsletter.*

Delta Gamma Foundation
3250 Riverside Drive
Columbus, OH 43221
(614) 481-8169
Margaret Hess Watkins, Executive Director

Mission: Conducts Delta Gamma Project on Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind. Promotes local community service by members. Local service carried out through direct sponsorship or cooperation with agencies for the blind.

Publications: *Anchora of Delta Gamma; Shield.*

Eye Bank Association of America, Inc.
1725 Eye Street, N.W.
Suite 308
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 775-4999
Thomas J. Moore, President

Mission: Provides technical assistance in eye banking to member eye banks. Promotes donor programs. Maintains office in Houston, Texas.

Publications: *Foresight.*

Eye Bank for Sight Restoration
210 East 64th Street
New York, NY 10021
(212) 980-6700
Mary Jane O'Neill, Executive Director

Mission: Collects and distributes healthy donated corneas. Maintains public education, professional education, research programs.

Publications: *Eye-to-Eye Newsletter.*

Eye Research Institute of the Retina Foundation
20 Stanford Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 742-3140
Dr. Charles L. Schepens, President

Mission: Pursues research activities and fields relating to the retina, vitreous, and cornea, with strong collaboration between clinic and laboratory studies in the fields of retinal and corneal diseases.
Funded By: U.S. government, foundations, private agencies, and individuals.
History/Date: Est. 1950. Formerly called the Retina Foundation.

Publications: *Sundial Newsletter.*

Fight for Sight
National Council to Combat Blindness
139 East 57th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 751-1118
Mildred Weisenfeld, Executive Director

Mission: Finances eye research through grants to accredited institutions; postdoctoral fellowships to qualified investigators; student fellowships to selected students of medicine or in the basic sciences. Has established and helps to maintain five Fight for Sight Children's Eye Clinics, which examine and treat disadvantaged youngsters with eye problems. Provides information on available eye specialists and eye clinics and referrals to organizations offering rehabilitation services.
Funded By: Contributions, special events, and Fight for Sight Leagues.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1946.
Area Served: United States primarily, but accepts applications for research supported from accredited medical colleges, hospitals, and eye centers throughout the world.

Foundation for Glaucoma Research
490 Post Street
Suite 1042
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 986-3162
Tara L. Mikesh, Executive Director

Mission: Aims to eliminate blindness caused by glaucoma through the use of research and education. Informs professionals and public about glaucoma through publications, lectures, conferences. Maintains eye bank for glaucomatous tissue research.

Publications: *Gleams Newsletter.*

Friends of Eye Research
99 West Cedar Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 523-0303
Marvin F. Brotman, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes eye research and rehabilitation. Distributes information. Maintains communication with agencies and groups serving the blind and visually impaired.

Helen Keller International
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 807-5800
John M. Palmer III, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes programs in the prevention of eye disease and blindness. Assists governments and voluntary agencies in developing countries to establish and integrate services to prevent or cure eye diseases and blindness into their national health and welfare systems and to rehabilitate and educate blind and visually disabled persons. Initiates programs for the integration of blind children and adults into community life. Trains field workers for rural areas.
Funded By: Voluntary contributions, bequests, grants from corporations, foundations, and governmental agencies (both national and international).
History/Date: Est. 1915.
Area Served: More than 80 developing countries.

Publications: *Helen Keller International Newsletter.*

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
(516) 944-8900 (voice and TDD, telecommunication device for the deaf)
Martin A. Adler, President, Helen Keller Services for the Blind

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit. Operated by Helen Keller Services for the Blind under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education.
Mission: Serves deaf-blind adults from every U.S. state and territory. Maintains a national register of deaf-blind persons. Provides technical assistance to facilitate transition of deaf-blind youths from education to community-based adult services through its Technical Assistance Center.
Funded By: Funds appropriated annually by Congress.
History/Date: Est. 1969.
Area Served: United States and territories.

Professional Training: Conducts a network of field services through 10 regional and over 20 affiliate agencies. Offers training seminars at headquarters and nationwide through a national training team.
Rehabilitation: Provides diagnostic evaluation and comprehensive pre-vocational rehabilitation training.

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness
c/o Carl Kupfer
6016 Neilwood
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 881-1064
Carl Kupfer, M.D., President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit consortium committed to reducing blindness worldwide.
Mission: Coordinates research into causes of blindness.

Promotes measures to eliminate blindness. Disseminates information on eye care.
History/Date: Est. 1975.

Publications: *IAPB Newslwtter* (published in English four times a year).

International Eye Foundation
7801 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 986-1830
Dr. J. H. King, Jr., Executive Medical Director

Type of Agency: Worldwide health organization engaged in the prevention and treatment of blindness. Membership open to qualified ophthalmologists through the Society of Eye Surgeons.
Mission: Assists in training physicians, nurses, and paramedical personnel in basic eye care. Helps establish eye care delivery systems in third world countries.

International Institute for Visually Impaired, 0-7
1975 Rutgers Circle
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 332-2666
Sherry Raynor, President

Mission: Promotes the education and welfare of preschool blind and visually impaired infants and children by developing programs and disseminating information.

Publications: *VIP Newsletter.*

International Society on Metabolic Eye Disease
1200 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10029
(212) 427-1246
Heskel M. Haddad, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Organization of ophthalmologists, pediatricians, endocrinologists, internists, and paramedical personnel.
Mission: Promotes the study of metabolic eye problems and related biochemical and genetic aspects.

In Touch Networks
322 West 48th Street
New York, NY 10036
(212) 586-5588
Jasha M. Levi, Executive Director

Mission: Maintains volunteer service that allows blind or physically impaired people to listen to readings of articles from more than 100 newspapers and magazines via closed circuit radio. Broadcasts are nationally accessible on Westar IV and SATCOM IIIR satellites.

Publications: *Annual Program Guide to In Touch Networks.*

Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology
1812 North St. Paul Road
St. Paul, MN 55109
(612) 770-9775
Robert L. Stamper, M.D., President

Mission: Promotes training programs and education standards for allied health personnel in ophthalmology. Conducts certification and continuing education.

Publications: *Directory; Newsletter.*

Joslin Diabetes Center
One Joslin Place
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 732-2400
Robert F. Bradley, M.D., President

Mission: Investigates new clinical treatment methods for diabetes. Supports camps for diabetic children. Conducts professional education courses.

Publications: *Joslin Center Magazine.*

Knights Templar, Grand Encampment USA
14 East Jackson Boulevard
Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 427-5670
Charles R. Neuman, Grand Recorder

Mission: Supports Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which pays for eye treatment, surgery, and hospitalization for the needy.

Publications: *Knights Templar Magazine.*

Lions Clubs International
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60570
(312) 571-5466
Roy Schaetzel, Administrative Director

Type of Agency: Administrative headquarters serving over 36,000 Lions Clubs throughout the world.
Mission: Provides community service and promotes better international relations. Has major service interests relating to the visually handicapped. Service projects include Lions eye bank programs in which Lions enlist eye donor pledges and serve as a

clearinghouse to provide ophthalmologists with corneal tissue for transplant and research. Programs to foster detection, education, and awareness of diabetes are also conducted. Clubs provide glaucoma and other vision testing screenings; sponsor rehabilitation programs for the newly blind; provide aids and devices for the visually handicapped; make computer training available through individual Lions-supported and vocational facilities; and finance subscriptions to *Juvenile Braille Monthly Magazine*.

Publications: *Lion Magazine*.

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

1275 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
(914) 428-7100
Charles L. Massey, President

Mission: Offers information on genetic counseling and prevention of birth defects. Supports genetic research; offers community programs to improve maternal and child health.

Publications: *Maternal/Newborn Advocate Newsletter; Birth Defects Compendium.*

Maynard Listener Library

171 Washington Street
Taunton, MA 02780
(617) 823-3783
Merrill A. Maynard, Director

Mission: Provides free tapes to blind and visually impaired persons. Maintains museum.

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation

7-11 South Broadway
White Plains, NY 10601
(914) 328-1717
Robert S. McKanna, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes detection, treatment, and cure of myasthenia gravis. Conducts professional and public education, scientific symposia.

Publications: *MG Newsletter.*

Myopia International Research Foundation

1265 Broadway, Room 608
New York, NY 10001
(212) 684-2777
Sylvia N. Rachlin, Executive Vice President

Mission: Promotes research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of nearsightedness. Launched the Myopia International Research Network to promote worldwide coordinated scientific research on myopia by doctors and interested patients.

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped

232 Madison Avenue, Suite 907
New York, NY 10016
(212) 779-8080
Dennis L. Hartenstine, Executive Director

Mission: Administers program of accreditation for agencies and schools serving blind and visually handicapped persons. Formulates and updates standards for management and services including orientation and mobility services, rehabilitation centers, social and recreation services, low vision services, preschool services, workshop services, and residential school programs. Publishes standards in the form of self-study guides used in accreditation, available in inkprint, braille, and recordings. Newsletter, list of accredited members, and descriptive brochure free in inkprint or cassette.
Funded By: Contributions, grants from corporations, foundations, fees, and dues from accredited members, sponsors, and supporters.
History/Date: Est. 1967 and Inc. 1966.

Publications: *The Standard-Bearer.*

National Association for Visually Handicapped

22 West 21st Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141
Lorraine Marchi, Executive Director

Mission: Produces and distributes large type (18 point) reading materials to schools, libraries, senior citizen centers, hospitals, and individuals on request. Assists libraries and senior centers in establishing large print libraries. Acts as an information clearinghouse and referral center regarding resources available to the partially seeing. Produces and distributes information materials (many in large print) for the layperson and professional about partial vision and visual aids. Sells magnifiers, large print books, and other non-optical low vision aids.
Funded By: Contributions and memberships.
History/Date: Est. 1954 and Inc. 1959.
Area Served: United States and Canada primarily, but supplies information literature and large print books internationally. Maintains office in San Francisco.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Offers counseling and guidance to partially seeing adults and their families and to parents of partially seeing children.
Educational: Conducts adult discussion groups.
Professional Training: Educates the professional and

paraprofessional working with the partially seeing about the nature of partial vision.
Rehabilitation: Conducts rehabilitation, recreational, social, and educational programs for partially seeing children.
Publications: *In Focus* (children); *Seeing Clearly*.

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
600 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
West Wing, Suite 208
Washington, DC 20024
(202) 484-7520
Raymond C. Mastalish, Executive Director

Mission: Advocates at the national level for the needs of older persons. Disseminates information to the federal government, other national organizations, and the public.

Publications: *Directory of State and Area Agencies on Aging* (annual).

National Children's Eye Care Foundation
1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 857-1185
Judith A. Walker, Executive Director

Mission: Addresses problems of children's eye care. Promotes public education for early detection and treatment. Provides fellowships for pediatric ophthalmologists. Conducts research.

Publications: *National Children's Eye Care Foundation Newsletter*.

National Council of Private Agencies for the Blind
c/o Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093
(312) 446-8111
Dr. Robert J. Winn, President

Mission: Serves as an advocate concerning issues that relate to programs, operations, and funding affecting voluntary agencies serving blind and visually impaired persons. Acts as a unified voice in negotiating with federal and state agencies about fees and other matters concerning private agencies.

National Easter Seals Society
2023 West Ogden Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 243-8400
John Garrison, Executive Director

Mission: Conducts programs to serve disabled people. Publishes and disseminates information on rehabilitation. Provides support services for the disabled.

Publications: *Rehabilitation Literature; Easter Seal Communicator*.

National Eye and Health Foundation (Ophthalmology)
899 Skokie Boulevard, Suite 300
Northbrook, IL 60062
(312) 564-4652
Kitty Stahl, Coordinating Secretary

Mission: Promotes educational and informational services for doctors and the public.
Funded By: Memberships, donations.
Budget: 1986: $250,000.
Staff: 5.
History/Date: Est. 1955.

Health: Refers for social evaluation/psychological testing and evaluation, school/training placement, nursing homes, community services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Refers for counseling.
Educational: Referral for appropriate level.
Professional Training: In-service programs, open enrollment from other agencies (doctors of optometry, optometric and ophthalmic assistants).
Rehabilitation: Refers for daily living skills.
Recreational: Refers for continuing education, arts/crafts, hobby groups, camps.
Employment: Refers for pre-vocational evaluation, career/skill counseling, occupational development, vocational training, placement.
Research: Support of clinical research projects.
Publications: *Contacto; AIF/NERF News*.

National Glaucoma Research Program of the American Health Assistance Foundation
11710 Beltsville Drive
Suite 560
Beltsville, MD 20705
(301) 572-2122
Eugene H. Michaels, President

Mission: Supports glaucoma research. Maintains three programs within the foundation: Coronary Heart Disease, National Glaucoma Research, and Alzheimer's Disease Research.

National Industries for the Blind
524 Hamburg Turnpike
Wayne, NJ 07470

(201) 595-9200
George J. Mertz, President

Mission: Allocates among qualified workshops for the blind purchase orders of the federal government for approved goods and services as designed by the President's Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped. Coordinates the production of 186 workshops in 36 states. Researches and recommends new products, prices, and price revisions to the President's Committee. Devises quality control systems, provides management and engineering services to increase plant efficiency and broaden production opportunities for the blind, and assists the workshop in procurement of material.
Funded By: Commission fees paid by the associated workshops for the blind.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1938.
Area Served: United States.

Professional Training: Conducts management and technical training programs for workshop personnel.
Publications: *Opportunity; Directory of Workshops.*

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
205 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
(212) 986-3240
Thor Hanson, President

Mission: Sponsors research; provides information and education, recreational counseling, and therapeutic services.

Publications: *Inside MS* (members only); *Therapeutic Claims in Multiple Sclerosis; Research on Multiple Sclerosis; Maximizing Your Health.*

National Organization for the Rights of Guide Dogs
3091 Anderson Place
Decatur, GA 30033
(404) 491-6669
W. Keith Roark, Founder

Mission: Advocates for rights of blind persons and their guide dogs.

Publications: *Update News Bulletin.*

National Society to Prevent Blindness
500 East Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(312) 843-2020
Michael L. Weamer, Executive Director

Mission: Through state affiliates, conducts a program of public and professional education, research, and industrial and community services to prevent blindness. Services include promotion and support of local glaucoma and preschool vision screening programs, industrial eye safety, collection of statistical and other data on nature and extent of causes of blindness and defective vision, and improvement of environmental conditions affecting eye health in schools and colleges. Supports research on eye diseases in laboratories and medical schools. Conducts public and professional education programs including publications, films, exhibits, and conferences.
Funded By: Contributions, Federal Service Campaign, and endowment.
History/Date: Est. 1908 and Inc. 1918.
Area Served: United States.

Publications: *Prevent Blindness News; Sightsaving.*

New Eyes for the Needy
P.O. Box 332
549 Millburn Avenue
Short Hills, NJ 07078
(201) 376-4903

Mission: Provides eyeglasses for those who cannot afford to buy them.

ODPHP (Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) National Health Information Center
P.O. Box 1133
Washington, DC 20013
(800) 336-4797 OR (202) 429-9091
Sally Roy, Project Director

Mission: Refers public and professionals to appropriate health organizations. Provides health information. Maintains library and internal database.

Publications: *Healthfinder.*

Physicians Education Network
5013 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(813) 321-2258
George P. Russell, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes quality eye health care. Sponsors National Eye Health Care Month every January. Promotes legislation in the interest of good eye care.

Publications: *PEN.*

Project Orbis
330 West 42nd Street, Suite 1900
New York, NY 10036
(212) 244-2525

Oliver I. Foot, Executive Director

Mission: Combats eye disease by sending opthalmologists to foreign countries to train and educate eye personnel via Orbis Hospital, a specially equipped airplane.

Publications: *Orbis Update Newsletter.*

Recording for the Blind

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
Stuart Carothers, Executive Director

Mission: Lends taped educational textbooks at no charge to visually, perceptually, and physically handicapped grammar school, high school, undergraduate, and graduate students and professionals.
Funded By: Individual corporations and foundations.
Staff: 4,000 trained volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1948 and Inc. 1951.
Area Served: United States and its territories and 35 foreign countries.

Master tapes of completely recorded books are kept in the organization's library, which currently contains 66,000 titles: 4,000 added every year. Cassette copies available to eligible borrowers. Recording done in 29 studios across the country.

Publications: *Recording for the Blind Newsletter.*

Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc.

598 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 752-4333
David F. Weeks, President

Mission: Supports clinical and basic eye research into causes, treatment, and prevention of all eye diseases through annual financial grants to more than 55 U. S. medical institutions and through awards, professorships, and fellowships to selected vision scientists. Stimulates growth of modern eye research facilities by underwriting major laboratory construction programs. Assists departments of ophthalmology in the development and improvement of advances in technological equipment for eye research, diagnosis, and therapy. Provides incentives to attract scientists to eye research and serves as a medium for the exchange of scientific information. Provides a voice for eye research among the nation's health interests. The Board of Trustees plans programs with the advice of a permanent scientific advisory panel drawn from many scientific disciplines and an ad hoc committee of ophthalmic investigators. Provides information on eye research to the public, press, and other institutions.
Funded By: Contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations.
Staff: 14 full time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1960.
Area Served: United States.

Publications: *Progress Report Newsletter; Annual Eye Research Seminar Papers.*

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.)

1401 Mt. Royal Avenue
Fourth Floor
Baltimore, MD 21217
(301) 225-9409 OR (1-800) 638-2300 OR TDD (telecommunication device for the deaf) (1-800) 638-5683
Robert M. Gray, Executive Director

Mission: Strives to discover the cause, prevention, and treatment of retinitis pigmentosa and allied inherited retinal degenerations through research. Awards research grants. Maintains public education, young adult, eye donor, information and referral, and retina donor programs. Maintains a national registry of patients. Regional and national workshops for volunteers and professionals are held periodically. Has 60 affiliates in United States involved in information and referral, experience sharing, public information, and fund raising.
Funded By: Contributions.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1971.
Area Served: United States.

Publications: *Fighting Blindness News.*

Tapes for the Blind

7852 Cole Street
Downey, CA 90242
(213) 862-4558
Harold C. Barnett, President

Mission: Offers blank magnetic recording tapes to the blind and handicapped below the ordinary cost. Tapes are available on individual order for recording textbooks, speeches, reference materials, music instruction, novels, business letters, and personal correspondence. Sponsored by the Downey Lions Club.

Taping for the Blind

3935 Essex Lane
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 622-2767
Ted Lofton, President

Mission: Records reading material on audiotape, copied onto cassettes, for use by blind and physically handicapped persons. Promotes increased interest in and use of free audio materials. Books, textbooks, and technical manuals are recorded and sent to the Library of Congress for duplication and distribution on cassette tapes to 50 regional libraries.

Publications: *Roster/Schedule; Whodunit Newsletter.*

Tel-Med
952 South Mt. Vernon Avenue
Colton, CA 92324
(714) 825-6034
Kenneth Steele, Executive Director

Mission: Provides telephone messages on all aspects of health care.

Publications: *Tel-Med Newsletter.*

United States Braille Chess Foundation
c/o Mac Garner
318 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37801
(615) 983-7635
Mac Garner, President

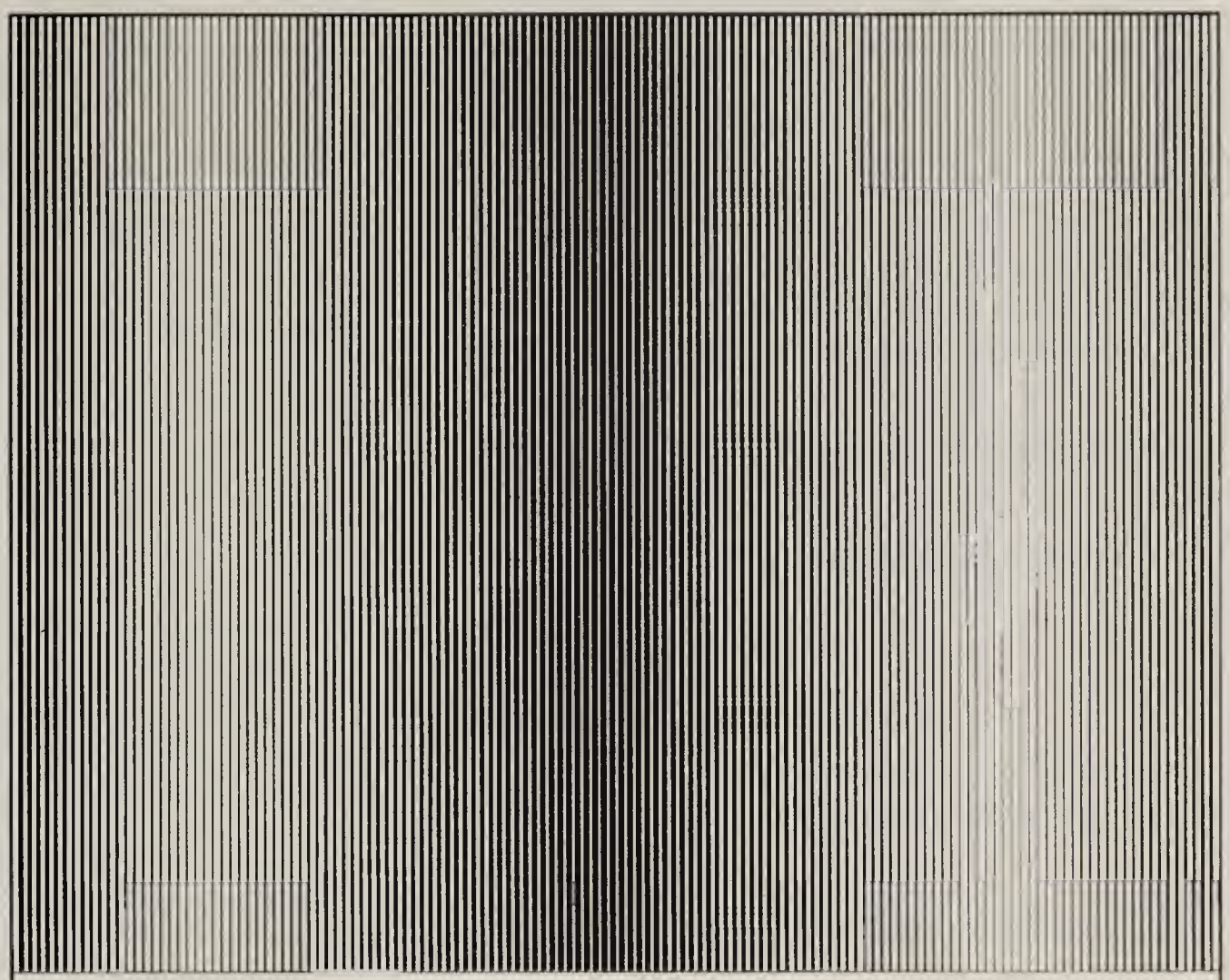
Mission: Popularizes chess for blind persons. Sponsors tournaments.

Publications: *Newsletter* (on cassette).

Vision Service Plan National
1000 Des Peres Road
Suite 280
St. Louis, MO 63131
(314) 965-6550
Larry Leiber, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Organization of vision care corporations.
Mission: Promotes group vision care services. Provides informational materials and workshops involving vision care.

Publications: *VSP Communicator.*



CONSUMER AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

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Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America
1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 775-8261
Robert Humphreys, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Coalition of public and private organizations of and for the blind to advance services and the rights of blind and visually impaired people.
Mission: Advocates for improvement of the social and economic conditions of the blind and visually impaired.

Publications: *ALL-O-GRAMS Newsletter.*

American Academy of Ophthalmology
P.O. Box 7424
655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94120
(415) 561-8500
Bruce E. Spivey, M.D., Executive Vice President

Mission: Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists and quality care in ophthalmology. Publishes informational material for professionals and the public. Sponsors the National Eye Care Project to give free eye care to the elderly.

Publications: *Argus Newsletter; Ophthalmology; Biographical Directory of AAO.*

American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
c/o Arthur L. Rosenbaum, M.D.
Jules Stein Eye Institute
University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(213) 825-2872
Arthur L. Rosenbaum, Secretary/Treasurer

Mission: Advances quality eye care for children through educational training programs for pediatric ophthalmologists. Sets ethical standards of practice and informs professionals of latest developments in the field. Conducts research programs.

Publications: *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.*

American Association of Certified Orthoptists
Eye Clinic
Shands Hospital
Gainesville, FL 32610
(904) 392-3111
Barbara Cassin, President

Mission: Promotes education, training, and placement of orthoptists. Maintains library in Georgia relating to treatment of defects in binocular function and low visual acuity.

Publications: *Prism; American Orthoptic Journal.*

American Association of Retired Persons
1909 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20049
(202) 872-4700
Horace Deets, Executive Director

Mission: Serves its membership of older Americans by offering a range of community services and educational programs.

Publications: *Modern Maturity; AARP News.*

American Blind Bowling Association
3500 Terry Drive
Norfolk, VA 23518
(804) 857-7267
Gilbert A. Bagui, Secretary/Treasurer

Mission: Promotes bowling for blind people. Sanctions leagues and sponsors tournaments.

Publications: *The Blind Bowler.*

American Blind Lawyers Association
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-3666
James D. Faimon, President

Mission: Addresses special problems of blind people in the legal profession. Promotes production of braille or recorded law materials and maintains an index of these materials.

American Blind Skiing Foundation
160 South William Street
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
(312) 253-4292
Sam Skobel, Executive Director

Mission: Volunteers teach skiing and hold races.

American Council of the Blind, Inc.
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-3666
Oral O. Miller, National Representative

Type of Agency: Affiliation of individual member and occupational, special interest, and state groups.
Mission: Promotes effective participation of blind people in all aspects of society. Acts as national information clearinghouse. Provides information and referral; legal assistance and representation; scholarships; leadership and legislative training; consumer advocate support; assistance in technological research; speaker referral service; consultative and advisory services to individuals, organizations, and agencies; and program development assistance. Maintains office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Funded By: Contributions and membership fees.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1961.
Area Served: United States and its territories.

Publications: *The Braille Forum* (braille, large print, and cassette).

American Council of the Blind Parents
c/o American Council of the Blind
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-3666
Julian Sierwierski, President

Type of Agency: Support group of parents of blind and visually impaired children.

Publications: *Reflections Newsletter.*

American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES)
National Rural Development Institute
Western Washington University, Miller Hall 359
Bellingham, WA 98225
(206) 676-3576
Doris Helge, Executive Director

Mission: Improves direct services to rural agencies and individuals that serve disabled persons and increases educational opportunities for rural handicapped and gifted students. Serves as advocate for rural special education at federal, state, regional, and local levels; distributes information on rural special education needs; conducts task forces on rural problems and professional training; maintains resource linkage system.

Publications: *Rural Special Education Quarterly; Ruralink* (newsletter).

American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc.
154 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800
Rev. Msgr. Paul Lackner, President

Type of Agency: Membership organization open to Catholic agencies for the blind, their employees, and Catholic employees of other agencies.
Mission: Works to provide greater understanding of Catholic social principles in work for the blind and to offer a forum for examination of mutual problems.
Funded By: Membership dues.
History/Date: Est. 1955.
Area Served: United States and Canada.

American Optometric Association
243 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 991-4100
Earle Hunter, Executive Director

Mission: Improves the quality of vision care through promoting high standards, continuing education, information dissemination, and professional involvement. Conducts conferences; operates placement service; maintains optometric museum and library; also maintains Virginia office.

Publications: *AOA News; Journal of the American Optometric Association.*

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
3700 Pender Drive, Suite 108
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 591-2220
David A. Karcher, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists doing implant surgery. Informs public about intraocular implantation. Conducts research.

Publications: *American Intra-Ocular Implant Society Journal; Newsletter.*

American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses
P.O. Box 3030
San Francisco, CA 94119
(415) 921-4700
Floyce Scherrer, President

Mission: Advances quality eye nursing care through continuing education, certification, research, and administration.

Publications: *Insight.*

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

206 North Washington Street, Suite 320
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 548-1884
Kathleen Megivern, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes all phases of education and work for blind and visually impaired persons of all ages. Seeks to expand the opportunities for the visually handicapped to take a contributory place in society. Operates a job exchange and reference information center. Certifies rehabilitation teachers, orientation and mobility specialists, and classroom teachers. Cooperates with colleges and universities in conferences and workshops. Presents awards; sponsors Business Enterprise Program. Works on local, regional, national, and international levels.

Publications: *AER Report; Job Exchange Monthly; Education of the Visually Handicapped.*

Association for Macular Diseases

210 East 64th Street
New York, NY 10021
(212) 605-3719
Nikolai Stevenson, President

Type of Agency: Support group for persons with macular degeneration.
Mission: Provides information and education.
Funded By: Membership dues; contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Eligibility: Services restricted to current members.

Counseling/Social Work/Self Help: Individual and group counseling.
Publications: *Newsletter.*

Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, The (TASH)

7010 Roosevelt Way, N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 523-8446
Liz Lindley, Executive Director

Mission: Advocates quality education, from birth through adulthood, for persons with handicaps. Advocates for the rights of disabled persons in legal proceedings. Disseminates updated information on solutions to problems, research findings, trends, and practices relevant to people with severe handicaps. Maintains library; bestows awards.

Association of Junior Leagues

825 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 355-4380
Deborah L. Seidel, Executive Director

Mission: Serves in an advisory and coordinating capacity to 252 Junior Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Through many Junior Leagues, volunteers are provided to organizations for the blind; to educational and informational community projects focused on the prevention of blindness; and to community rehabilitation programs for blind persons.

Association of Visual Science Librarians

c/o University of California School of Optometry Library
Berkeley, CA 94720
(415) 642-1020
Bette Anton, President

Mission: Promotes information services in ophthalmology and optometry. Conducts institutes, workshops, and training courses for professional personnel. Provides legislative consultation.

Association on Handicapped Student Service Programs in Postsecondary Education

P.O. Box 21192
Columbus, OH 43221
(614) 488-4872
Jane E. Jarrow, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Provides leadership, focus, and expertise for professionals. Committed to promoting full participation of individuals with disabilities in postsecondary education and to upgrading quality of services available. Provides workshops, training programs, publications, conferences. Has special interest group for blindness/visual impairment.

Publications: *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability; ALERT Newsletter.*

Blinded Veterans Association

1726 M Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 223-3066
Ronald L. Miller, Ph.D., Executive Director

Mission: Encourages and assists all blinded veterans to take advantage of rehabilitation and vocational training benefits, job placement assistance, and other aid from

federal, state, and local resources by means of a Field Service Program and an Outreach Employment Program. Promotes extension of employment opportunities, sound legislation, and rehabilitation through liaison with other agencies. Through 41 regional groups, operates volunteer service program for blinded veterans in their communities.
Funded By: Contributions, membership dues, and grants.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Area Served: United States and its territories.

Educational: Has public education and publications program.
Publications: *BVA Bulletin* (published six times per year and sent free to all blinded veterans in U.S. Soundsheet version available to members and associate members).

Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists
c/o Dr. Oliver H. Dabezies, Jr.
2620 Jena Street
New Orleans, LA 70115
(504) 891-5442
Dr. Oliver H. Dabezies, Jr., Executive Vice President

Mission: Disseminates information on ophthalmology. Addresses problems related to contact lenses.

Publications: *CLAO: Journal of the Contact Lens Association.*

Council for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
(703) 620-3660
Jeptha V. Greer, Executive Director

Mission: Champions the right of exceptional individuals to full educational opportunities, career development, and equal employment opportunities. Provides information to teachers, parents, and others concerning the education of children who are mentally gifted, mentally retarded, visually impaired, hearing impaired, or physically handicapped, and those with behavioral disorders, learning disabilities, or speech defects. Sponsors workshops and conferences on special education.

Council of Citizens with Low Vision
c/o Elizabeth Lennon
1315 Greenwood Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(616) 381-9566
Elizabeth Lennon, President

Mission: Promotes rights of partially sighted individuals. Educates the public to the needs of the visually impaired. Informs persons with low vision of available services.

Publications: *CCLV Newsletter.*

Council of Executives of American Residential Schools for the Visually Handicapped
c/o New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped
1900 North White Sands Boulevard
Alamogordo, NM 88310
(505) 437-3505
Jerry Watkins, President

Type of Agency: Organization of chief executive officers of residential schools in the United States and Canada.
Mission: Serves as an information clearinghouse and advocate for areas of interest relating to residential schools for the blind and visually impaired.

Council of Rehabilitation Specialists
c/o American Council of the Blind
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 376-0442
Juliet Bindt Esterly, President

Type of Agency: Organization of professionals in rehabilitation and social services.
Mission: Promotes the establishment of professional and academic standards and adequate rehabilitation services for all blind and visually impaired persons.

Guide Dog Users
2130 Maple Street
Baldwin, NY 11510
(312) 848-6191
Phyllis Stern, President

Type of Agency: Support group.
Mission: Maintains rehabilitation facilities for acceptance of guide dogs by the blind. Supports legislation in the interest of the blind.

Independent Visually Impaired Enterprises
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-3666
James Womack, President

Mission: Promotes small business opportunities for the blind and visually impaired. Affiliated with American Council of the Blind.

National Alliance of Blind Students
c/o Marjie Donovan
763 Silver Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94134
(415) 239-2577
Marjie Donovan, President

Mission: Aims to educate agencies, government, institutions, and the public as to the needs of blind students.

Publications: *Student Advocate.*

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired, Inc.
P.O. Box 562
Camden, NY 13316
(315) 245-3442 OR 245-3444 OR (1-800) 562-6265
Eileen A. Hudson, President
Henry H. Hedgecock, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Organization for parents and agencies.
Mission: Provides support to parents and families of visually impaired children and youths. Operates national clearinghouse for information, education, and referral. Fosters communication among federal, state, and local agencies that provide services or funding for services to visually impaired children and youths. Promotes public understanding of the needs and rights of visually impaired children and youths; supports state and local parents groups and workshops that educate and train parents in service potential and their children's rights.

Publications: *Awareness* (newsletter).

National Association of Blind Teachers
c/o American Council of the Blind
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-3666
Dana Walker, President

Mission: Supports blind teachers in addressing problems involved in the performance of their professional duties. Promotes employment. Disseminates information.

Publications: *Work Center Memo; Newsletter; Work Center Directory.*

National Association of State Directors of Special Education
2021 K Street, N.W.
Suite 315
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 296-1800
James R. Galloway, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Professional society to improve educational opportunities of exceptional children.

Publications: *SpecialNet* electronic communications network and numerous bulletin boards.

National Association of Vision Professionals Prevention of Blindness Society
1775 Church Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 234-1010
Arnold Simonse, Executive Secretary

Mission: Promotes intercommunication among vision professionals conducting programs in organizations. Promotes professional standards. Certifies vision screening personnel.

National Council of State Agencies for the Blind
206 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 238-8375
Norma F. Krajczar, President

Mission: Promotes communication among agencies involved in preventing blindness and offering services to severely visually impaired individuals.

National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(301) 659-9314
Marc Maurer, President

Mission: Works to improve social and economic conditions of blind persons. Provides evaluation of present programs and assistance in establishing new ones. Grants scholarships to blind persons. Has a public education program including speakers' bureau. Has affiliates in all states and the District of Columbia.
Funded By: Contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1940 and Inc. 1949.
Area Served: United States.

Publications: *The Braille Monitor; Future Reflections.*

Opticians Association of America
P.O. Box 10110
10341 Democracy Lane
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 691-8355
James D. Hawkins, C.A.E., Executive Director

Mission: Strives to advance the science of prescribing

and grinding corrective lenses and optical instruments; disseminates information about the field.

Publications: *Dispensing Optician.*

Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

c/o Paul Verner
7505 Robindale Road
Tampa, FL 33619
(813) 272-2300
Paul Verner, President

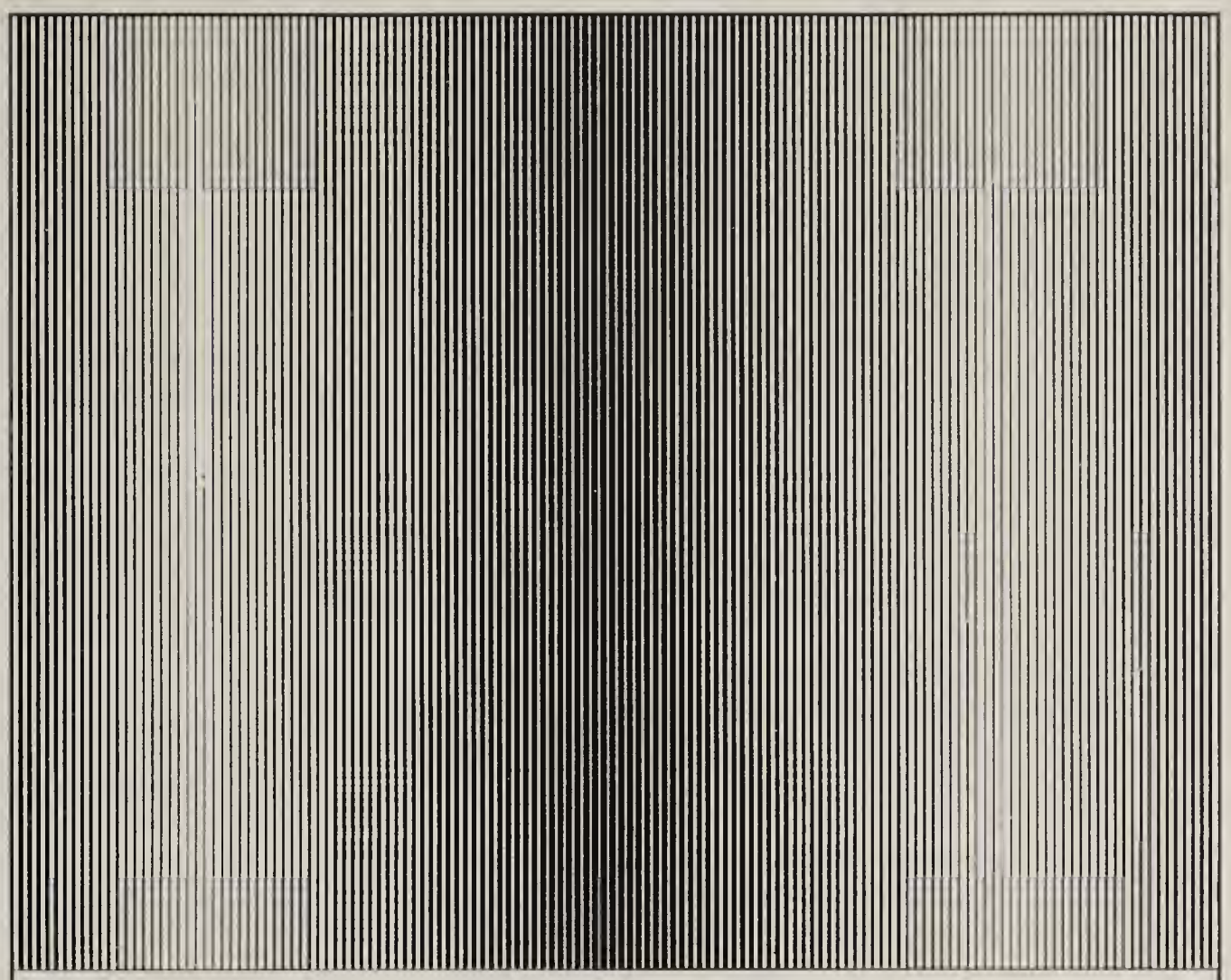
Mission: Promotes education and legislation to improve vending facility program for the blind.

United States Association for Blind Athletes

4708 46th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 22016
(202) 393-3666
Oral O. Miller, President

Mission: Promotes sports involvement for blind people.
Funded By: Membership, foundation grants, corporate gifts, contributions.
Staff: 1 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.
History/Date: Est. 1976.
Eligibility: Legally blind.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.
Recreational: Swimming; track; wrestling; gymnastics; goal ball; skiing; skating; power lifting.
Publications: *Athletic Handbook; National Competition Program Book; Newsletter* (quarterly).



BRAILLE, TAPE, AND LARGE PRINT

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American Bible Society
1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023
(212) 581-7400

Mission: Translates, publishes, and distributes the Scriptures in braille, large print, and recorded forms.
Funded By: Personal and church donations and endowments.
History/Date: Est. 1816 and Inc. 1841.
Area Served: Worldwide services.

American Printing House for the Blind
P.O. Box 6085
1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405
Dr. Carson Y. Nolan, President

Type of Agency: National organization for the production of literature and the manufacture of educational aids for the visually handicapped.
Mission: Publishes braille books, music, and magazines; large type textbooks; talking books and magazines; microcomputer software. Provides a reference-catalog service for volunteer-produced textbooks in all media for visually handicapped students, plus information about other sources of materials for those interested in the education of the visually handicapped. Manufactures special educational aids for blind and visually handicapped persons. Maintains an educational research and development program concerned with educational procedures and methods and the development of educational aids.
Funded By: Contracts, public funds, and contributions; since 1879, through the federal act "To Promote the Education of the Blind," receives an annual appropriation from Congress to provide textbooks and educational aids for all students attending schools and/or special educational institutions of less than college grade. Through funds donated by the public, publishes braille and talking book editions of the *Reader's Digest* and a weekly talking book edition of *Newsweek Magazine*.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1853.
Area Served: United States primarily; worldwide services on a contract basis.

Publications: *APH Notes*.

Associated Services for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600
Vincent McVeigh, Executive Director

Mission: Produces braille and large print books, under contract to the Library of Congress, for distribution throughout the United States or for schools, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

Bible Alliance, Inc.
P.O. Box 1549
Bradenton, FL 33506
(813) 748-3031
Anthony T. Rossi, President

Mission: Distributes the Bible on cassette at no charge. Also produces talking book tapes; translations to other languages.

Braille Authority of North America
c/o American Council of the Blind
1010 Vermont Avenue N.W., Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 833-1251 OR (217) 528-0196
Floyd Cargill, Chairman

Mission: Promotes and facilitates the uses, teaching, and production of braille.

Publications: *Annual Directory*.

Braille Institute of America, Inc.
741 Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111
Russell W. Kirbey, Executive Director

Mission: Produces braille books, talking books, and cassettes.

Publications: *Inter-view; Mirror* (braille); *Outlook; Scene; Light; Expectations* (braille).

Choice Magazine Listening
P.O. Box 10
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 883-8280
Doris Fields, Editor

Mission: Records a free bimonthly anthology of selected articles, fiction, and poetry from current periodicals; distributed free of charge through regional libraries and individual subscription.

Funded By: Sponsor contributions and investment income.
History/Date: Est. 1961 and Inc. 1965.
Area Served: United States.

Christian Education for the Blind, Inc.
P.O. Box 6399
Fort Worth, TX 76115
(817) 923-0603
Edwin Wilson, Executive Director

Mission: Tape-records and distributes the *Evangel Voice Magazine,* Sunday school lessons, the Christian Education Library for the Blind, and sacred music. Publishes *Words of Life* hymnal, *Evangel Hymn Book* (words only), and *Evangel Hymn Book* (words and music) in braille. Distributes Scriptures in braille and on recordings. Also publishes children's books in braille. Reading services are offered to blind persons without cost through a library loan system.
Funded By: Contributions, church groups, and foundations.

Christian Mission for the Sightless
5450 Boy Scout Road
Lawrence, IN 46226
(317) 549-2386
Floyd Rhoads, Jr., Founder and Director

Mission: Distributes religious material in braille, large type, and tapes.
Funded By: Churches and private contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1958 and Inc. 1970.
Area Served: North America.

Publications: *Spiritual Light* (large print newsletter).

Christian Record Braille Foundation
4444 South 52nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 488-0981
Vernon L. Bretsch, President

Mission: Produces braille books, talking books/ cassettes, and large print books. Has lending library.

Publications: *Christian Record; Children's Friend* (braille); *Student; Encounter; Young and Alive; Christian Record Talking Magazine; Lifeflow; Review and Herald; Campfire Light.*

Christian Science Publishing Society
1 Norway Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 262-2300
John H. Hoagland, Jr., Manager

Mission: Sells talking book editions of Christian Science Bible Lessons and articles from Christian Science periodicals.
Funded By: Income from publications.
History/Date: Est. 1898.
Area Served: Worldwide services.

Publications: *The Herald of Christian Science* and *Christian Science Bible Lessons* (braille).

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/ Special Curriculum
50 East North Temple
Floor 24
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(801) 531-2509

Mission: Prepares spiritual books and lessons in braille, disks and on cassettes.
Funded By: Church funds.
Area Served: Worldwide services.

Publications: *The Ensign* (monthly talking book magazine).

Clovernook Printing House for the Blind
7000 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45231
(513) 522-3860
Gerald W. Mundy, Ed.D., Executive Director

Mission: Embosses braille books, magazines, catalogs, and other publications for national organizations, including the Library of Congress, American Foundation for the Blind, Lions Clubs International, U.S. Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Education, and the Social Security Administration.
Funded By: Income from printing operations and contributions.
History/Date: Est. 1915.
Area Served: United States.

Dialogue Publications, Inc.
3100 Oak Park Avenue
Berwyn, IL 60402
(312) 749-1908
Bonnie Miller, Editor

Funded By: Contributions, foundations, and Lions Clubs.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1961.
Area Served: English-speaking countries.

Publications: Produces on disk recordings, in braille,

and in large print, *Dialogue: The Magazine for the Visually Impaired,* a quarterly publication written and edited by and for the blind containing news, interviews, and fiction of special interest to the visually impaired. Other publications produced either on cassette or in braille deal with specific needs of visually impaired persons. *Dialogue* is distributed through the regional libraries of the National Library Service's Talking Book Program.

Gospel Association for the Blind, Inc.
P.O. Box 62
14642 59th Terrace South
Delray Beach, FL 33445
(305) 499-8900
Dr. Ralph Montanus, Executive Director
Rev. Ralph Montanus, Jr., President

Funded By: Contributions and affiliated churches.
History/Date: Est. 1945 and Inc. 1947.
Area Served: United States and 47 other countries.

Reading: Has a large free circulating library of braille, books, records, tapes, and cassettes.
Publications: Monthly braille magazine, *The Gospel Messenger,* for adults and quarterly magazine, *The Braille Pilot,* for children and teenagers.

Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-340
Martin C. Kennedy, Manager

Mission: Manufactures and sells the Perkins Brailler, manual or electric; standard, large cell, jumbo dot braille; slates; styli; mathematical aids; braille games; braille-vision books for children; heavy and light-grade braille paper; Gilligan Tactile drawing kits; Perkins Videoscope.
Funded By: Sale of products.
Area Served: Worldwide services.

Publications: *Our Special* (free of charge); *Syndicated Columnists Weekly;* and *Braille Research Newsletter* (by subscription).

Jewish Braille Institute of America
110 East 13th Street
New York, NY 10016
(212) 889-2525
Gerald M. Kass, Executive Vice President

Mission: Serves the religious, cultural, educational, and communal needs of the Jewish blind and visually impaired and provides information on Judaism to the blind in general. Publishes prayer books; braille books in Hebrew and English; talking books in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English, including elementary and secondary level religious school textbooks; and large print books in English and Hebrew, including the Five Books of Moses (the Torah). Transcribes and records other special material. Maintains circulating braille, talking book, and large print library.
Funded By: Contributions, endowment, synagogues, and foundations.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1931.
Area Served: Worldwide services.

Preschools: Promotes Hebrew education and religious instruction. Public education program includes speakers' bureau.
Professional Training: Training institutes for librarians and professionals working with the elderly.
Publications: *Jewish Braille Review; JBI Voice Or Chadash* (in Hebrew); and *Hebrew Braille Bible.*

John Milton Society for the Blind
475 Riverside Drive
Room 832
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-3335
Richard R. Preston, Executive Director

Mission: Interprets Christian faith to blind and visually handicapped persons around the world through free publications in braille and large type and talking book records, and by financial assistance to Christian institutions for the blind in countries overseas.

Publications: *Discovery; John Milton Magazine* (large type or braille); *Talking Book Record; Adult Lessons Quarterly.*

Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association
660 East Montana Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106
(612) 776-8430
Rev. Carl C. Sunwall, Executive Director

Mission: Publishes and distributes Christian literature for the blind and visually impaired.

Publications: *Christian Magnifier; Tract Messenger; Lutheran Braille Evangelism Bulletin.*

Lutheran Braille Workers
Box 5000
Yucaipa, CA 92399
(714) 795-8977

LeRoy Delafosse, Executive Director

Mission: Provides religious and educational materials in braille and large print. Maintains 200 work centers worldwide staffed by volunteers to help make the Bible accessible to the blind and visually impaired.

Publications: *Work Center Memo; Lutheran Braille Workers Newsletter; Work Center Directory.*

Lutheran Library for the Blind

1333 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
(314) 965-9000, ext. 125
Marcia Gregor, Librarian

Mission: Provides braille, large print, and cassettes, periodicals, and magazines. Operates a free lending library of materials.
Funded By: Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.
History/Date: Est. 1951.
Area Served: Worldwide services.

Publications: *Teen Time; The Lutheran Messenger; The Lutheran Witness; My Devotions; LWML-Quarterly; Portals of Prayer; The Lutheran Hymnal; Lutheran Worship* (latter two titles available in braille).

Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind

20 West 17th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 242-0263
Helen Ziegler Steinkrause, President
Michael Mellor, Editor

Mission: Publishes in braille and on flexible disks the *Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind,* a free monthly general-interest periodical sent to any visually handicapped person requesting it.
Funded By: Endowment.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1907.
Area Served: Worldwide services.

National Braille Association

1290 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 473-0900
Bettye Krolick, President

Mission: Brings together those interested in production and distribution of braille, large type, and tape-recorded materials for the visually impaired. NBA Braille Book Bank provides thermoform copies of hand-transcribed texts to college students and professional persons; NBA Braille Technical Tables bank has a collection of over 300 tables that supplement many of the texts; through NBA Reader-Transcriber Registry blind people can obtain vocational and daily living material below cost. Requests of college students for brailled textbooks are filled through Braille Transcription Assignment Service.
Funded By: Membership fees, contributions, and grants.
History/Date: Est. 1945.
Area Served: United States and Canada.

Publications: *Manual for Large Type Transcribing; Teacher's Manual and Tape Recording Lessons; Guidelines for Administration of Group Producing Reading Materials for the Visually Handicapped; Handbook for Braille Music Transcribers; NBA Bulletin* (quarterly to membership, available in print, braille, or tape; available to agencies by subscription).

National Braille Press

88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160
William M. Raeder, Managing Director

Mission: Provides braille printing services for organizations, including the Library of Congress. Offers a Jiffy-Braille™ program for individual transcription of specialized documents related to school or work. Sponsors a children's Braille Book-of-the-Month Club.

Publications: *Syndicated Columnists Weekly; Our Special; Luminary.*

Swedenborg Foundation

139 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 673-7310
Darrell Ruhl, Executive Director

Mission: Provides limited talking book editions related to Emanuel Swedenborg's writings to the Library of Congress and other libraries. Large type and cassette edition of Helen Keller's *My Religion* is available. Also available in large type: *Heaven and Hell* by Emanuel Swedenborg and *Uses* by Wilson Dusen.
Funded By: Endowment and trusts.
History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1850.

Xavier Society for the Blind

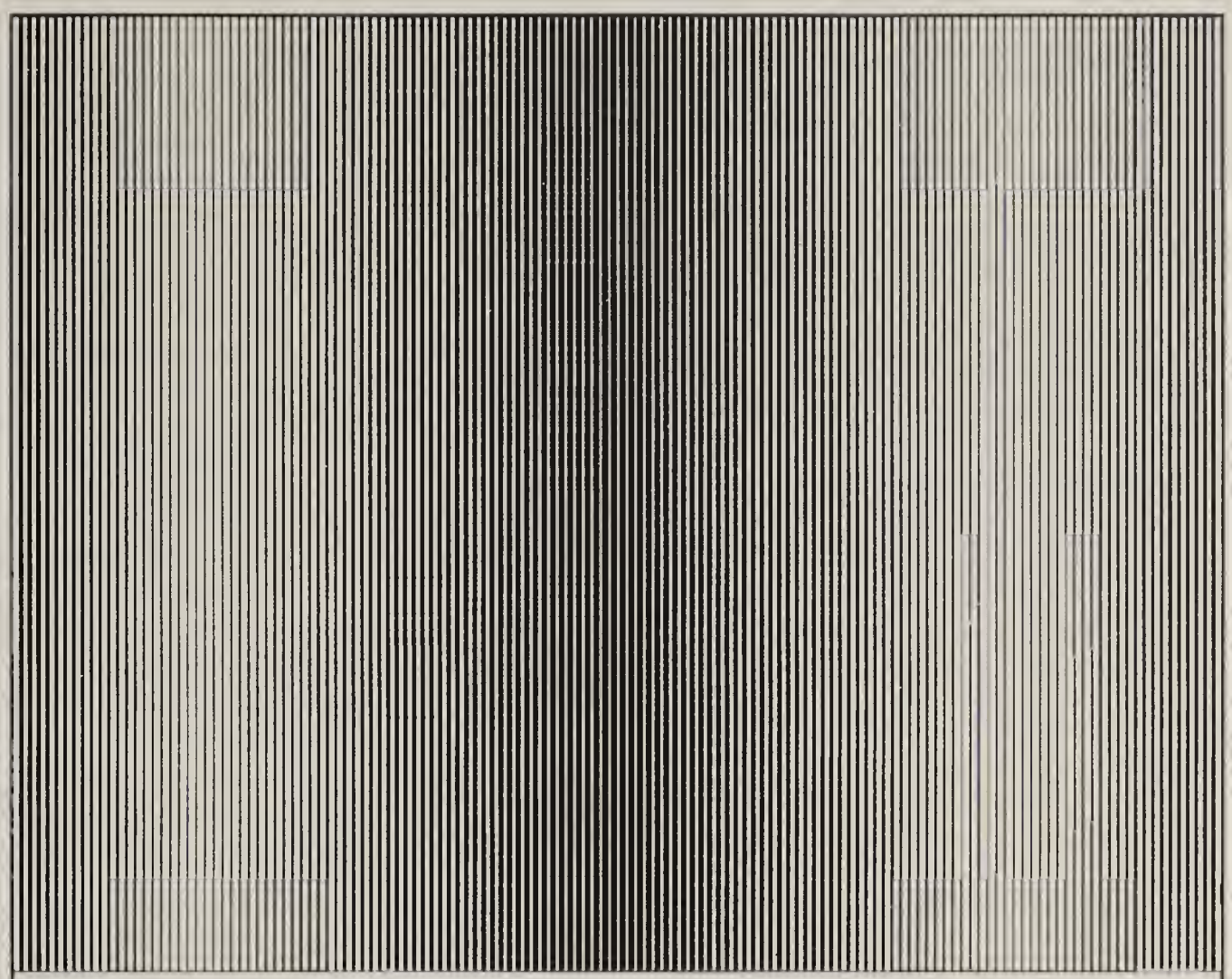
154 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800
Rev. A. F. LaBau, S. J., Director

Mission: Makes available various weekly and monthly

Catholic periodicals on cassette; maintains free lending library of hand-transcribed braille, large type, and tape books of primarily but not exclusively religious nature; provides a variety of devotional materials in required form. Catalogs available in all three media.
History/Date: Inc. 1904.

Area Served: United States and Canada; certain services extended to blind overseas.

Publications: *Catholic Review* (monthly, in braille, large print, and on tape); *Deaf-Blind Weekly* (braille).



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